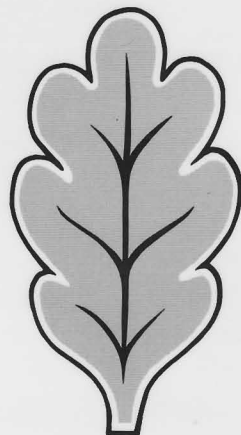


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Obersturmführer	Oberstleutnant	Lieutenant Colonel
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Junker	Fähnrich	- No Equivalent -
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SS-Soldat*	Soldat*	Private

\*Note: Soldat is a general term. Other words here are Schütz, Grenadier, Füsiliere, depending upon the combat arm to which the soldier belonged.

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## INTRODUCTION

After the formation of our 1st Panzer Division over fifty years ago, and of the Comradeship Organization in 1951, this second volume of photographs, in addition to our Divisional History, now appears.

We thank our comrade Horst Riebenstahl for his initiative and his many years of tireless work in gathering 700 photographs of the "history and fate of the 1st Panzer Division" from 1935 to 1945.

Many comrades, to whom we owe our thanks, have assisted by providing photos and giving information on names and places.

This photo volume gives evidence of the unimaginable achievements and sacrifices of our soldiers in World War II, who staked their health and their lives for our German fatherland in duty, loyalty and comradeship.

Countless comrades and many incidents in war and peace come to life again and give evidence that the achievements of our renowned 1st Panzer Division could only be attained through the service of all its officers and men.

In grateful remembrance of fallen and deceased comrades, and as a reminder and warning to the survivors and subsequent generations to devote themselves always to the maintenance of freedom, peace and justice.

Peter-Otto Kruse

*Oberleutnant* of the Reserve, Retired

Chairman of the Comradeship Organization  
of the 1st Panzer Division Comrade Benefit Society e.V.

## FOREWORD

On the history of the 1st Panzer Division, there appeared in 1962 a detailed text volume (Stoves), plus a book in 1972 about the 2./Pz.Reg.1 (Kersch), and in 1976 a first volume of pictures appeared, likewise compiled by Rolf Stoves and long since out of print.

Through years of collecting and searching, I was able — originally for my own purposes — to gather over 2,500 photos of our division, of which I chose 700 for this new photo documentation.

All the pictures show the life and combat of all units of the 1st Panzer Division, including the supply units, and are thus a completion, an extension of the previous units.

This new collection is organized by years, from the foundation to the war's end. Every yearly section is introduced with an outline of the important events.

My thanks go to the many helpers from all division units and the widows of deceased comrades, through whose support the publication of this memorial volume became possible.

My thanks also go to the publishers for their decision to add another volume to the previous publications.

Horst Riebenstahl

## 1935

The year was taken up fully with the organization of the 1st Panzer Division out of motor vehicle training commands, transfers of men from various cavalry regiments, and the inclusion of already available troop units, and (in part) their moving into new garrisons. The training had the primary goals of unifying the troop units and preparing cadres for new units of additional Panzer divisions.

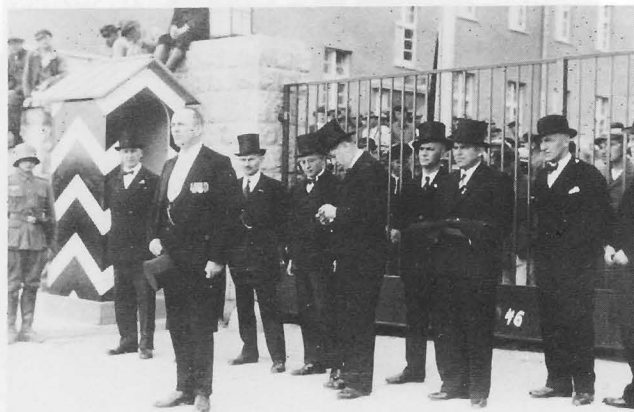
10/15: Official establishment date of the 1st Panzer Division under the leadership of *Generalleutnant Reichsfreiherr von Weichs und zur Glonn*, with the structure:

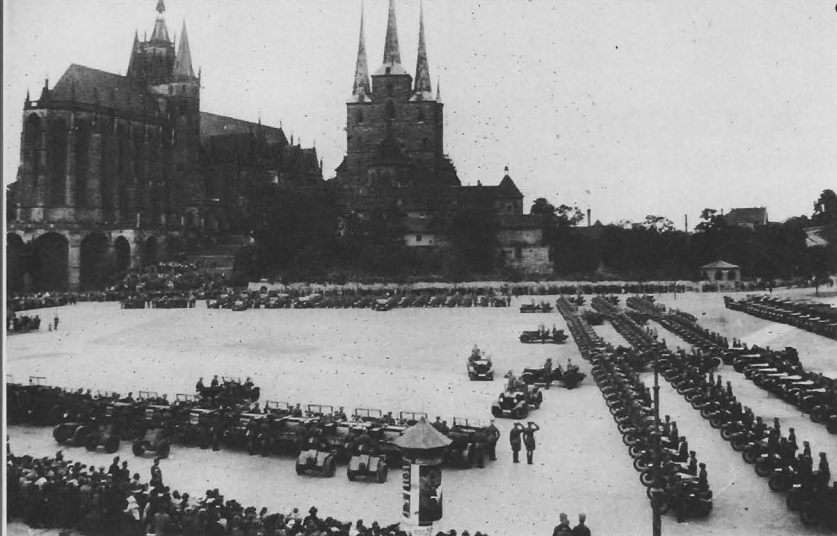
- Division staff (Weimar)
- Panzer Brigade 1 with Panzer Regiments 1 (Erfurt) and 2 (Eisenach)
- Rifle Brigade 1 with Rifle Regiments 1 (Weimar) and 2 (Langensalza)
- Artillery Regiment (mot.) 73 (Weimar)
- Reconnaissance Unit (mot.) 4 (Sondershausen)
- Intelligence Unit (mot.) 37 (Weimar)
- Engineer Company (mot.) 37 (Wittenberg)



The entrance to the Löberfeld Barracks of Panzer Regiment 1 (Oct. 15, 1935).

Turning over the keys to the barracks to the I./A.R.73 in Weimar-Lützendorf and its Unit Commander, Major Hartmann, by the architect and master workmen.

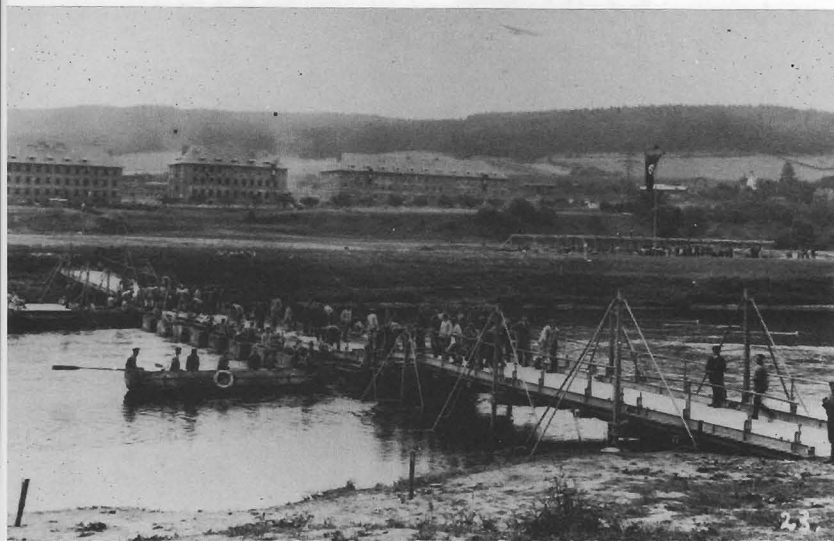




First parade formation of  
Motorcycle Rifle Battalion 1  
before the cathedral in Erfurt  
in 1935.



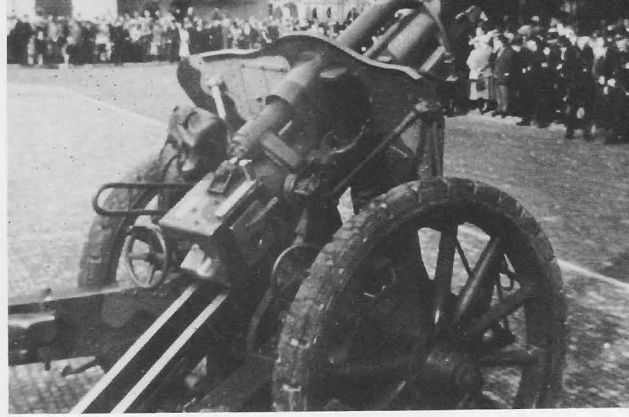
Unterstaff II./A.R.56  
(Hamburg) later became  
A.R.73.



A bridge over the Weser was  
built by Engineer Battalion 9  
at Hann.-Münden on the  
occasion of a visit from Reich  
Defense Minister von  
Blomberg in 1935.



Presentation of the new light Field Howitzer 18 at the Castle Square in Weimar on October 3, 1935 (A.R.73).

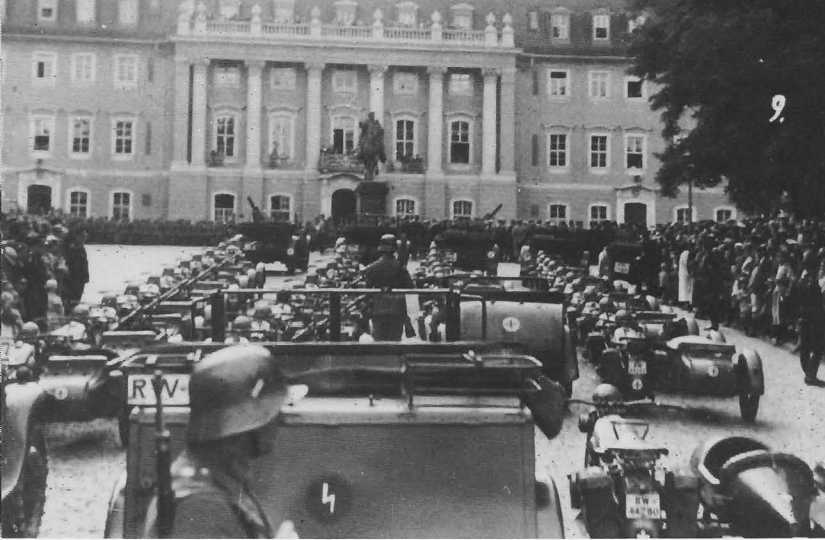


The 2nd Company, Engineer Battalion 9 arrives at Hann.-Münden in 1935 after combat drill, *Hauptmann* Burger on horseback.

2nd Company, Engineer Battalion 9, at Hann.-Münden, September 1935. Anti-aircraft guns on railroad cars for maneuvers in the Upper Palatinate. At the machine gun are Eidam, Haller and Karlmayer.



Arrival of Motorcycle Rifle Battalion 1 at Langensalza in 1935.



Parade formation of the I./A.R.73 before the castle in Weimar, about to march past the National Theater (10/3/1935).



Dedication of the new Reich battle flag in 1935, L  berfeld Barracks in Erfurt.



The I./A.R.73 marches onto the market place at Erfurt in 1935. The guns are carried on wheeled blocks.



## 1936

The year was spent with the emphasis on further training —especially unit training. The first transfers for the formation of Panzer Regiments 7 and 8 took place. The arrival of Medium Tanks III and IV began. Gaps in the ordered structure were filled.

Spring 1936: The first Panzer IV (Version A) tanks arrive.

Autumn 1936: The Artillery Regiment (mot.) 73 gains its II. Unit.

Winter 1936: The first Panzer III (Version A) tanks arrive.



Grand Tattoo of Panzer Regiment 1 before the Erfurt City Hall in 1936.

Camp von Bai training,  
Panzer Regiment 1, 1936.

Autumn 1936  
The first Panzer IV (Version A) tanks arrive.

*Pionier* (Engineer) Platoon 5./K.I view the Saale Valley Dam at the Little Bleiloch, 7/4/1936.



Barracks Courtyard in  
Wittenberg, 1936. Recruits  
are sworn in. Center:  
*Leutnant von Buchholz.*



Combat training, Panzer  
Regiment 1. *Leutnant*  
Philipp with a Panzer I  
platoon (Ohrdruf Troop  
Training Camp), 1936.



Antitank Unit 37 enters the  
Eisenach garrison in the  
autumn of 1936.

The barracks of  
Reconnaissance Unit 4 in  
Sondershausen — two scout  
companies, 1 motorcycle rifle  
and one heavy company.





Taking the oath at Weimar in 1936. On the dais are members of Panzer Regiment 1.



Ohrdruf Troop Training Camp, combat training, Panzer Regiment 1, 1936.



Establishment of Antitank Unit 37 on the market place at Eisenach, autumn 1936.

## 1937

Further transfers to other divisions are to be made. The high point of the year, though, is the participation in the great "Wehrmacht Maneuvers of 1937" in Mecklenburg.

By the end of the year, setting up the active units is concluded.

Summer 1937: The previously lacking Panzer II tanks arrive. Summer 1937: Formation of Artillery Regiment (mot.) 73 concludes.

10/1/1937: *Generalmajor* Rudolf Schmidt (formerly Commander of the War Academy) takes command of the division.

Autumn 1937: First unit drill of the division at full strength at Königsbrück Training Camp. On from there to the great Wehrmacht Maneuvers of 1937.



The officer corps of Rifle Regiment 1 in Weimar. Bremer, Waalet, Kirchner, Bartzki, Prince Solms von Gersdorf, Holzmänn, Prince Roy No.48, Wangarski, Riedinger, Baron von Boineburg, Hecker, Schmidt, Gütcho, Weimar 1937.

### I. Kompanie Panzer-Abwehr-Abteilung 37 Herbst 1937

1st Company, Antitank Unit 37 at the barracks in Eisenach, autumn 1937.







Parts of A.R.73 after shooting drill at the Altengrabow Troop Training Camp in August of 1937. In the background are two light Field Howitzer 18's.



The Panzer Company of Panzer Regiment 1.



The 2./Pi.37 at the motor vehicle yard in Wittenberg in 1937. Motor Vehicle Maintenance NCO Kreuter and Graser.

A six-wheel scout car of  
Reconnaissance Unit 4 in  
Sondershausen in 1937  
(Radio) Special Vehicle 232.

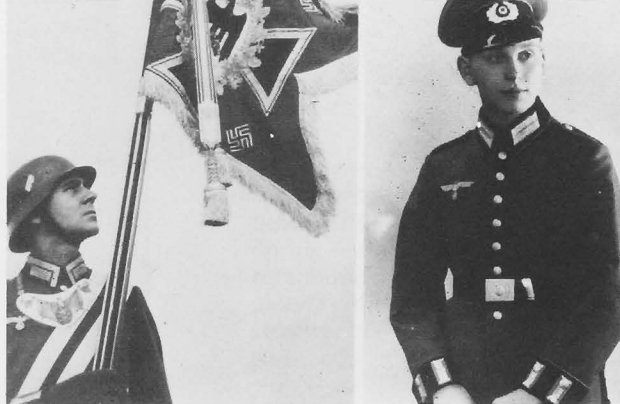


The orderly room of the staff,  
II./A.R.73, Erfurt Jäger  
Barracks, 1937.

The 8./S.R.I (Rifle  
Regiment I) at Sennelager,  
September 1937. At far left  
*Hauptmann* Studnitz, Lt.  
Wrede, Lt. Wulf, Ofw. Roos,  
Lt. von Jäger, Lt. von  
Kruzetkowski, *Melder*  
(Courier) Tietze and Fhr.  
Rosenbauer.



Conferring the flags of the  
II./Artillery Regiment 73 in  
Erfurt, September 8, 1937, by  
Division Commander  
General von Weichs, with  
Tank Gunner Heinz  
Engelmann, II./Panzer  
Regiment 1, in Class A  
uniform.



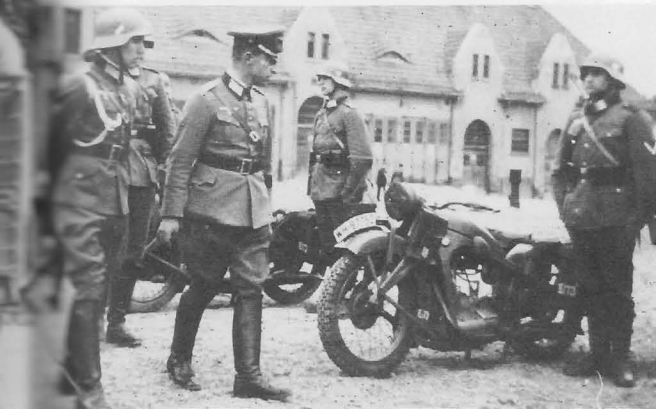
General Weichs during  
maneuvers at Neuhammer,  
July 1937.



Bugler of Rifle Regiment 1  
sounds "all halt" on  
maneuvers, 1937.



Motor vehicle inspection at  
the Jäger Barracks in Erfurt  
by Oberleutnant Schrödter,  
also Staff Leader, II./A.R.73,  
on 5/10/1937.



Great tattoo at the barracks of  
Antitank Unit 37.



Barrack room in the  
Wittenberg barracks —  
*Obergefreiter* Eidam, at left  
beside him Breuder, 1937.

Officers of Rifle Regiment 1  
on maneuvers in 1937.







Intelligence Unit 37 at Weimar. Radio Panzer IB, behind it Radio Panzer III, during testing of radio communication between mobile radio units in the country, 1937.

An armored scout car of Reconnaissance Unit 4 (Sondershausen) being serviced. Special Vehicle 263.



Unteroffizier Hans Vogt, 5./Panzer Regiment 1, during sport exercises at the Löberfeld Barracks in Erfurt, 1937.

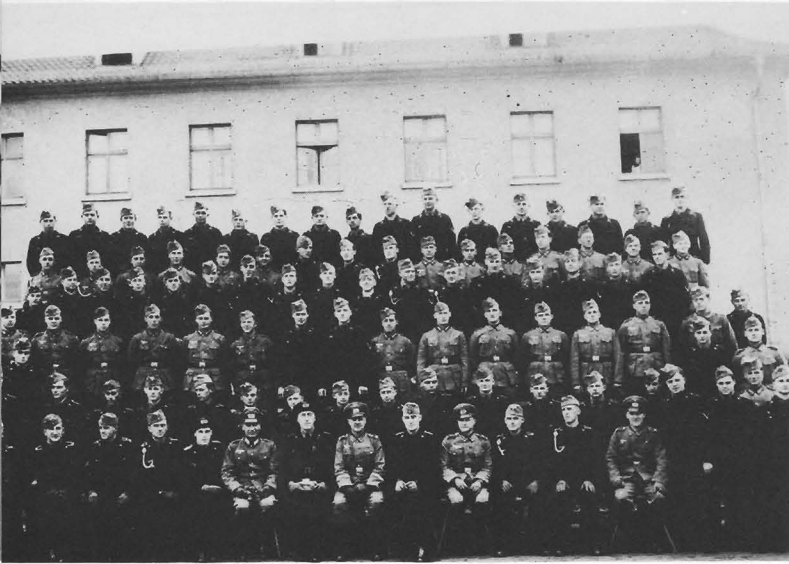
## 1938

Training at all levels strengthened the division's capability and feeling of unity. But transfers to other newly formed Panzer units always disturb what has been attained.

The march into the Sudeten area is simultaneously training and reinforcement of previous results.

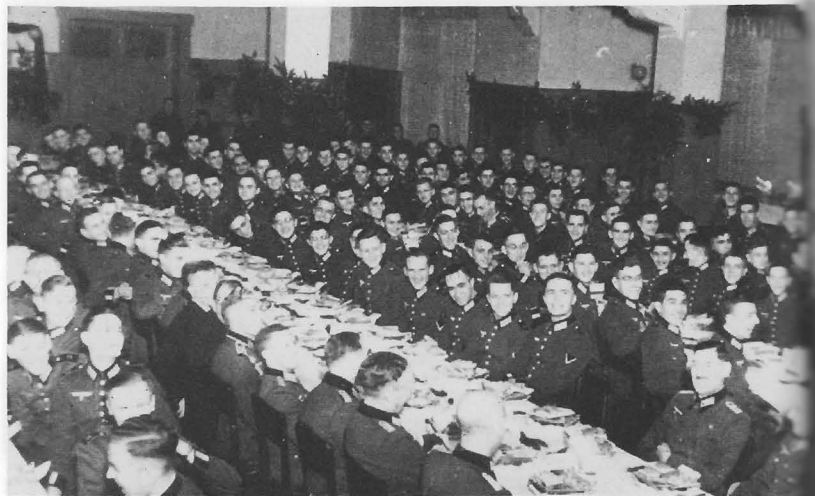
Spring 1938: Division supply, medical and repair troop units begin to be established.

October 1938: March into the Sudeten area from the Erzgebirge to Komotau.



The 5./Panzer Regiment 1 at the Löberfeld Barracks in Erfurt, 1938.

Company celebration of a company of A.R.73 at the Weimar barracks, 1938.

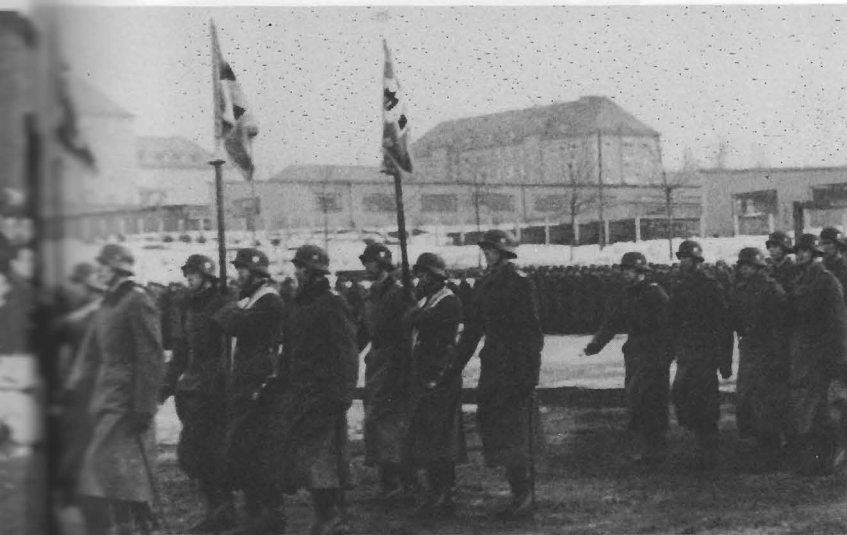




Swearing in recruits, I.R. (mot.) 69 (later III./S.R.I) at Hamburg, on the field at Dammtor depot. Taking the oath on 11/22/1938.

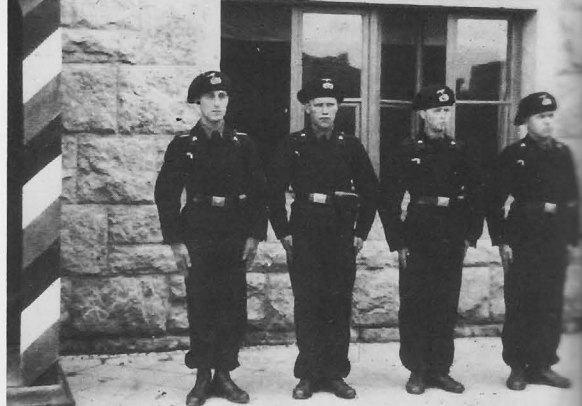


Radio Panzer III (command tank) of Panzer Intelligence Unit 37, taking part in maneuvers (near Berlin) to test radio communication.



Rifle Regiment 1, Artillery Regiment 73 and Panzer Intelligence Unit 37 march into the Lützendorf Barracks in Weimar, 1938.

Sentries at the gates of the  
Löberfeld Barracks in Erfurt,  
1938. NCO of the Guard  
Heinz Grein, 8./Panzer  
Regiment 1.



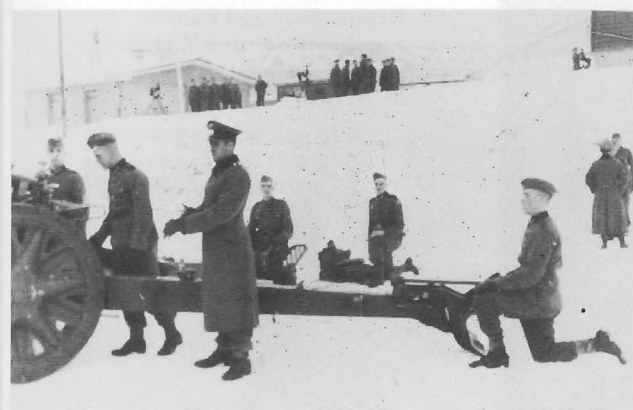
Training at the field kitchen  
of the 4./Panzer Regiment 1.  
In the center is Leopold  
Barck — 1938.



General von Mackensen visits  
the garrisons in Erfurt. The  
sentries before the Erfurter  
Hof are members of the  
4./Panzer Regiment 1 (Chief  
Oberleutnant Rammsauer).



Shooting exercises at the  
barracks of the I./A.R.73 in  
Weimar, 1938.







The Standard Company of I.R.69 (later III./S.R. 1) marches onto the meadows at Hamburg on 11/22/1938.

Panzer Regiment 1 marches into Karlsbad (Sudetenland) on 10/4/1938. At the wheel of Vehicle 15 is *Leutnant Felix Poel*.



The 4./Panzer Regiment 1 marches into Karlsbad, 10/4/1938. Panzer IV with short 75mm gun.

A Panzerfunkwagen (armored radio vehicle) 263, of Intelligence Unit 37 at rest near Karinhall, 1938.



Rifle Regiment 1 in Karlsbad, 10/4/1938. Kirchner and von Studnitz talk with girls in Karlsbad peasant dress.



Rifle Regiment 1 in Karlsbad on October 4, 1938. Hauptmann von Studnitz, behind him the flags of S.R.1.

Wittenberg Engineer Barracks of Panzer Engineer Battalion 37. The barracks were occupied in 1936.





Panzer Regiment 1 in Karlsbad on October 4, 1938, with Panzer II and IV tanks. The regimental flag flies at the left in the picture.

The 1./Pz.Pi.37 in Klingenthal (Sudetenland). Between the two girls is *Kradmelder* (motorcycle courier) Degner, 10/4/1938.



The 1./Pz.Pi.37 in Klingenthal (Sudetenland). The troop transport of the 1st Platoon with driver Tenner.



Engineers of the 1./Pz.Pi.37  
in the Sudetenland, happily  
greeted by the people.

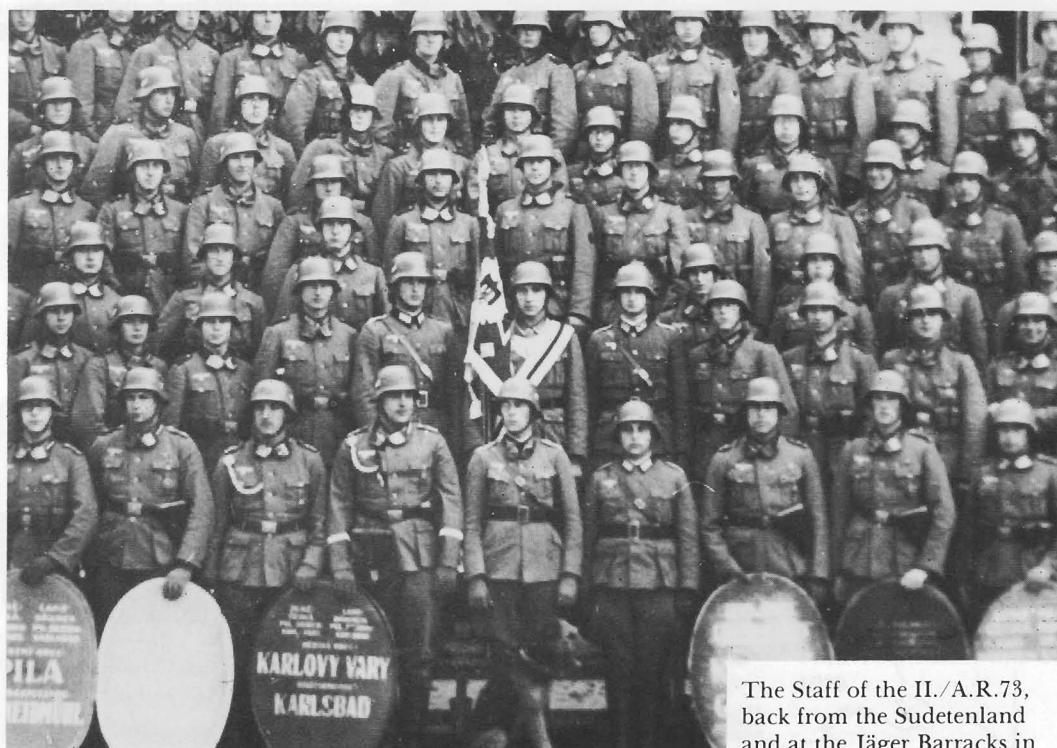
Rifle Regiment 1 in  
Karlsbad, 10/4/1938.



Rifle Regiment 1 on its way  
to the Sudetenland, here at  
Gera (barracks) awaiting  
General Kirchner.



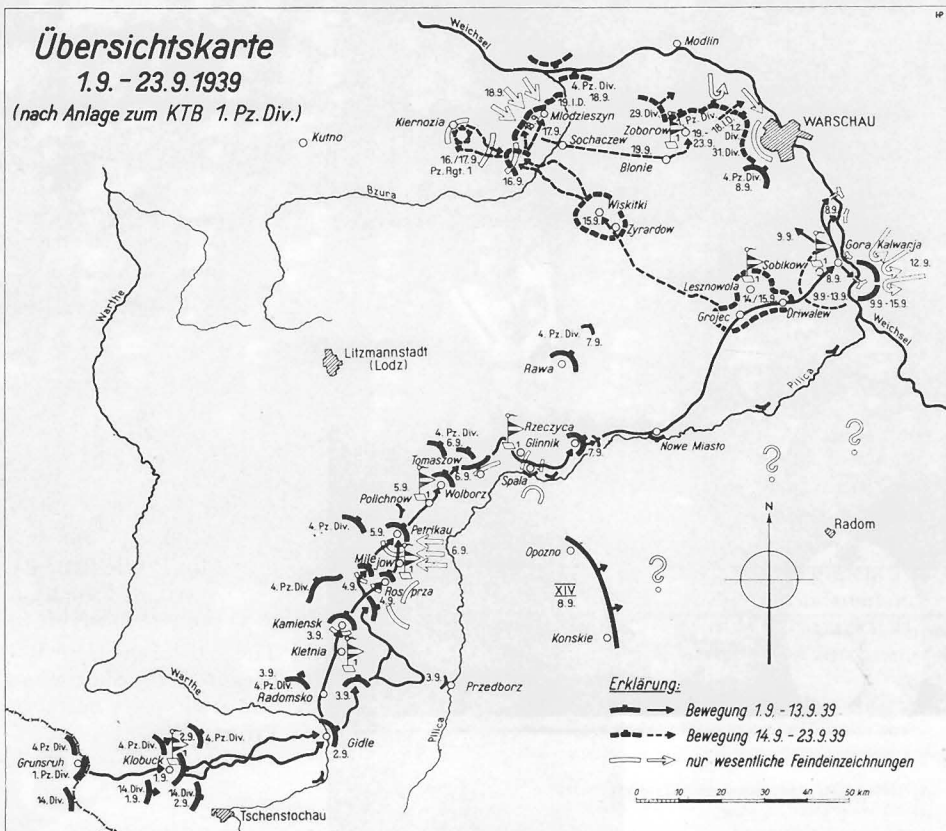
The Führer in Karlsbad in October of 1938. With him are Schmidt, Keitel, Guderian, Rheinhardt, Hecker. At right is the Rifle Regiment of the 1st Panzer Division in parade formation.



The Staff of the II./A.R.73, back from the Sudetenland and at the Jäger Barracks in Erfurt.

In the first half of the year, in addition to the usual training and the continuing transfers to newly formed units, there was a test consisting of the march of Panzer Regiment 1 to Silesia. But the acid test took place in the campaign against Poland. Commanders and troops soon became as one, and their mutual confidence grew. The division came out of this fight internally strengthened and was then refilled immediately. Its training to the end of the year made use of its experience in the campaign.

- March 1939: March of strengthened Panzer Regiment 1 to Silesia as "OKH Reserve" for the march into what remained of Czechoslovakia. No further action, though.
- Summer 1939: Time at the training camp. The 6./Rifle Regiment 1 receives its first SPW.
- August 1939: March to the Silesian-Polish border.
- 9/1/1939: War with Poland begins, in XVI Army Corps (mot.) under 10th Army (Army Group South).
- 9/9/1939: The west bank of the Vistula was reached at Gora Kalwaria, south of Warsaw.
- 9/16/1939: Beginning of combat on the Bzura.
- 9/19/1939: End of fighting in Poland.
- Late November: Transfer to the Dortmund area.





Gun echelon of the 1st  
Battery of A.R.73,  
Altengrabow Troop Training  
Camp, 1939.

IN POLAND

At the beginning of the

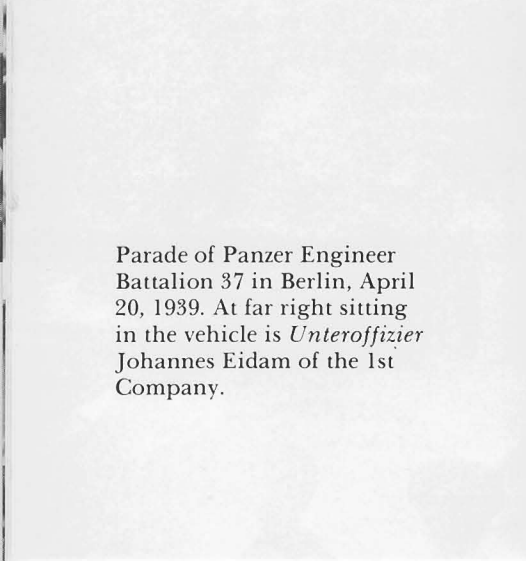
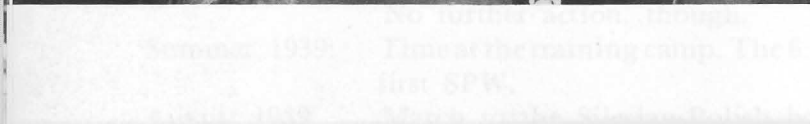
Panzer Regiment 1 in parade  
formation with Panzer IV  
tanks at Berlin, April 20,  
1939.



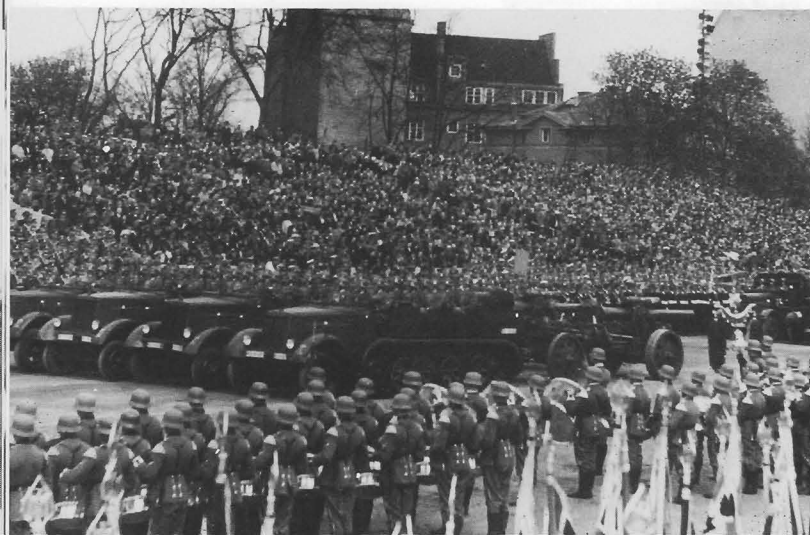
Motorcycle Rifle Battalion 1  
in parade formation for the  
Führer's birthday in Berlin,  
1939.



Parade of Infantry Regiment 69 of Hamburg (later Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113) in Berlin on April 20, 1939.



Parade of Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 in Berlin, April 20, 1939. At far right sitting in the vehicle is *Unteroffizier* Johannes Eidam of the 1st Company.



Parade of A.R.73 with heavy field howitzers in Berlin on April 20, 1939.





Services for *Unteroffizier* Martin at the barracks in Wittenberg, Pz.Pi.Btl.37, 1939.

## THE CAMPAIGN IN POLAND

At the beginning of the Polish campaign the tractors of A.R.73 drove across the swampy meadows of the Liswarte.



Parts of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 prepare for action in the Walenczow area at the beginning of the Polish campaign, 1939.

The 2./Motorcycle Rifle Battalion before Przedborz, Poland, on September 2, 1939.





A 150mm howitzer of A.R.73 takes up a firing position before Vidavka, Poland, September 1939.

The approach to a bridge position in the Vidavka sector. The bridge was built by Pz.Pi.Btl.37. In the foreground is the medical car of Battalion 37., September 1939.



Men of the 6./S.R.1 before Petrikau (Chief *Oberleutnant* Lübbert), Poland, September 1939.



A Büssing-NAG Type G 31 telephone construction truck of A.R.73 near Petrikau, Poland, September 1939.

A destroyed Panzer I tank of the 5./Panzer Regiment 1 south of Petrikau, Poland, 1939.



Petrikau and is serving in vehicles, September 1939



*Oberleutnant Dittmann* in the command tank of Panzer Regiment 1; a Polish colonel stands at left. Near Petrikau, September 1939.

A destroyed Panzer II tank of Panzer Regiment 1 south of Petrikau, Poland, September 1939.





Many Polish prisoners are taken in the Petrikau area, September 1939.

*Feldwebel Kreuter and Unteroffizier Eidam, I./Pz.Pi.Btl.37, on a truck with bridge parts and mines, set afire by Polish troops in the Petrikau area, September 1939.*



The I./A.R.73 (Commander, Major von Hühnersdorff) firing from Poltava at short range on September 6, 1939.



Heavy Panzerfunkwagen (armored radio vehicles) of N.A.37 on armed reconnaissance near Poltava, Poland, 1939.



September 1939, advance into Poland by the 9./I.R.69 (later 11./S.R.1). Left: *Unteroffiziere* Draeger, Mönnich and Gerhard Frühauf.



The 1./Antitank Unit 67 has stopped at a freight yard near Petrikau and is servicing its vehicles, September 1939.

*Feldwebel* Rauh and Kreuter of the 1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 stand in front of abandoned Polish guns near Moczydlov, September 1939.





A Panzer IV tank with 75mm short-barreled gun crosses a brook in the Petrikau area (Commander, *Oberst* Nedtwig), September 1939.



A destroyed Panzer IV of Panzer Regiment 1, 4th Company, in Petrikau, September 1939. Curious Poles look at the tank.

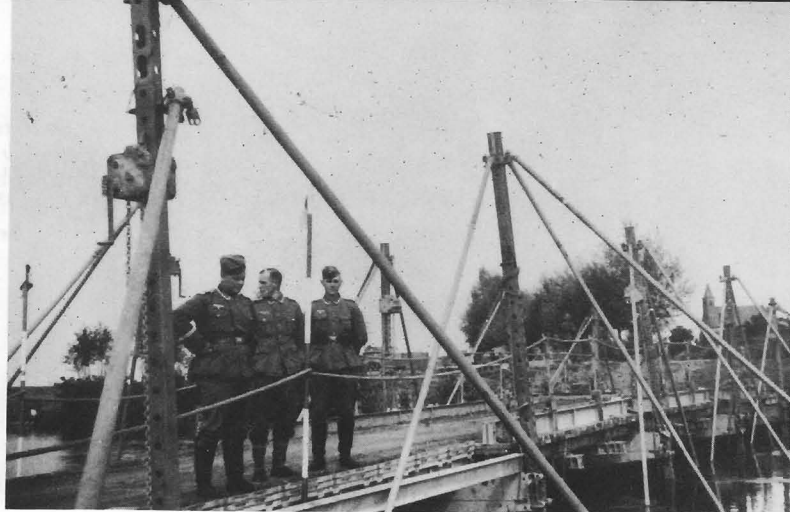
Artillery Regiment 73 on the march to the Vistula. Tractors with heavy field howitzers in Chynov. The town is filled with vehicles — September 1939.



Tanks of Panzer Regiment 1 on a factory grounds — September 1939.



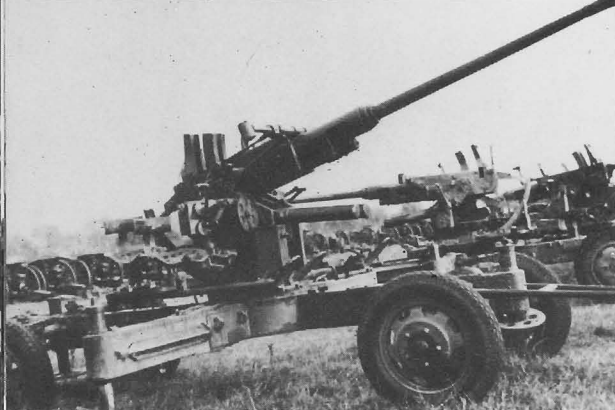
A military bridge built by the  
1./Pz.Pi./Btl.37 in Poland.  
From left to right,  
*Hauptfeldwebel* Martin,  
*Feldwebel* Kreuter and  
*Oberfeldwebel* Nowak,  
September 1939.



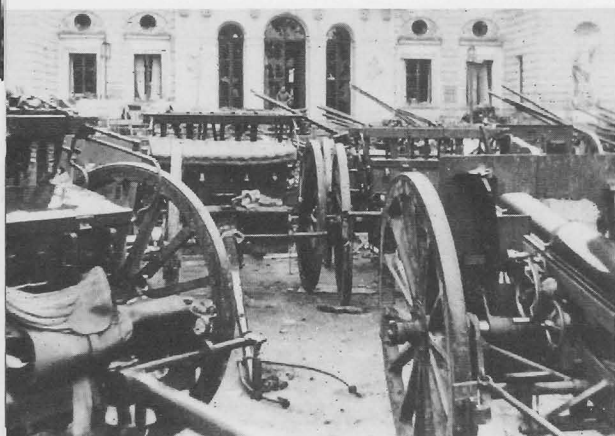
Parts of Artillery Regiment  
73 ford a river near Ostrovek  
with their heavy field  
howitzers, Poland,  
September 1939.

Members of S.R.1 in the  
Vistula area, September 1939.





Polish guns abandoned west  
of the Vistula, September  
1939.

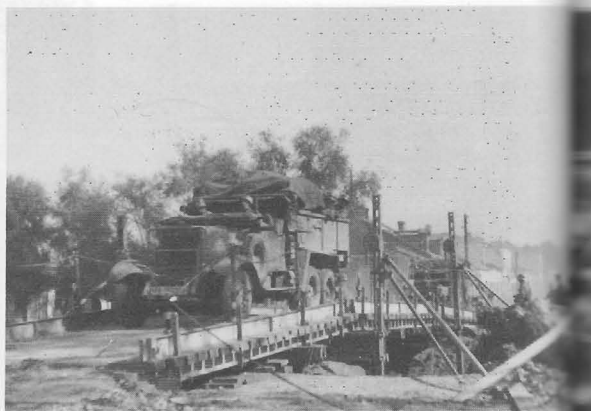


Captured weapons of all  
kinds, Poland, September  
1939.

Batteries of Artillery  
Regiment 73 fire across the  
Bzura (east side), Poland,  
1939.



A personnel truck of the  
1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 crosses a  
military bridge built by that  
battalion in Poland,  
September 1939.





*Oberleutnant Lothar Wolf, Workshop Company, Panzer Regiment 1, constantly had to deal with scattered Poles and partisans, Poland, September 1939.*



*A Panzer III of the 1./Pz.1 destroyed by Polish antitank fire on the Bzura, Poland, September 1939.*



*Men of the 6./S.R.1 in the suburbs of Warsaw (Chief, Oberleutnant Lübbert), Poland, September 1939.*



*Hauptmann Kalinowski, 1./Pz.Pi.Btl., with drivers Wegener and Becker, Company Troop, before Warsaw in a Horch 830 R Kübelwagen Poland, 1939.*





A light Polish tank captured by Panzer Regiment 1 (4th Company). Fritz Krämmer stands by the tank — Poland, 1939.

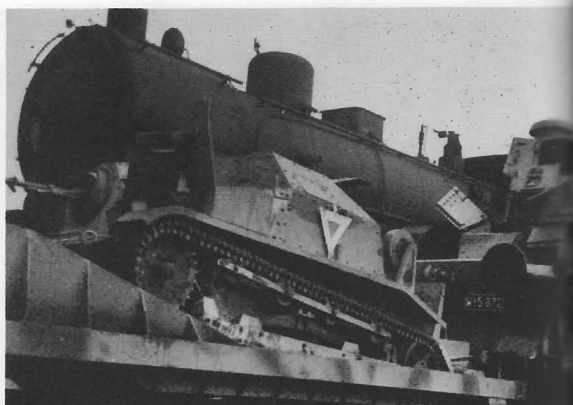


A Polish armored train destroyed by the guns of A.R.73, September 1939.

Men of Pz.Pi.Btl.37 examine the weapons in a destroyed armored train, Poland, September 1939.



A captured locomotive with military equipment, Poland, 1939.





Riflemen and engineers examine captured military equipment, Poland, September 1939.

The 2./Pz/Pi.Btl.37 on the Warthe, with Lt. Hesse, Moos, Kolster, Petrowitsch, Alpediehl and comrades of the company. Don't forget, the password is "Heimat" (Homeland).



Parts of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 (Panzer III tanks) and captured light tank mantelets, toward the end of the Polish campaign, September 1939.



A Polish scout car destroyed by Panzer Regiment 1, Poland, September 1939.

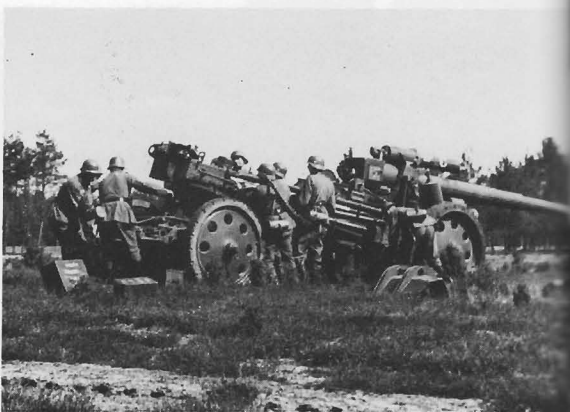


An eight-wheeled scout car of Reconnaissance Unit 4 (with 20mm Kwk and MG) near Czesochowa, September 1939.

The 2./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 near Gidle, with "Spiess" Bartels, "Grandpa" Kriener and Feldwebel Gieselmann.



The batteries of A.R.73 leave their firing positions and set out on a transfer march.





Parts of a tank company of Panzer Regiment 1 on a transfer march, led by a captured Polish tank that still saw combat service, September 1939.

A radio Panzer III tank of Pz.N.Abt.37 at the Gora-Kalzana bridgehead (the demarcation line of the advancing Russians) with a sign of friendship at the end of September 1939.



The 2./Pz.N.A.37 at kitchen work (peeling potatoes) at the Gora bridgehead, at the end of the Polish campaign, September 1939.

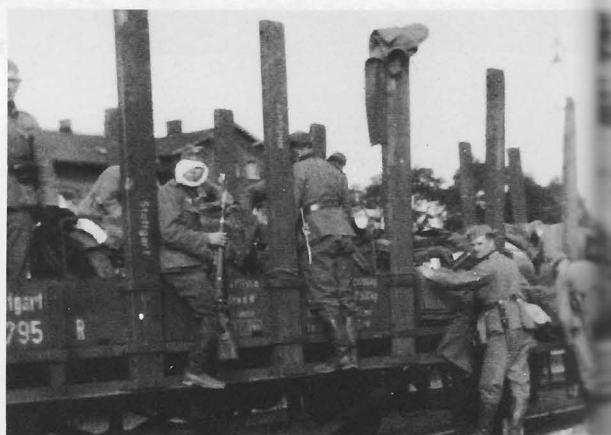






The Russian-Polish demarcation line, Poland, September 1939.

Rifle Regiment 1 loading up to go home.



The 6./S.R.1 at Petrikau, Poland, 1939.

A motorcycle rifle company packing up in Poland, September 1939.





The 1./Panzer Regiment 1 on  
parade in Poland, September  
1939.



A captured Polish tank in the  
parade of Panzer Regiment 1,  
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Technical service during  
action in Poland (a 37mm  
antitank gun and truck),  
Panzerjäger Unit 37.

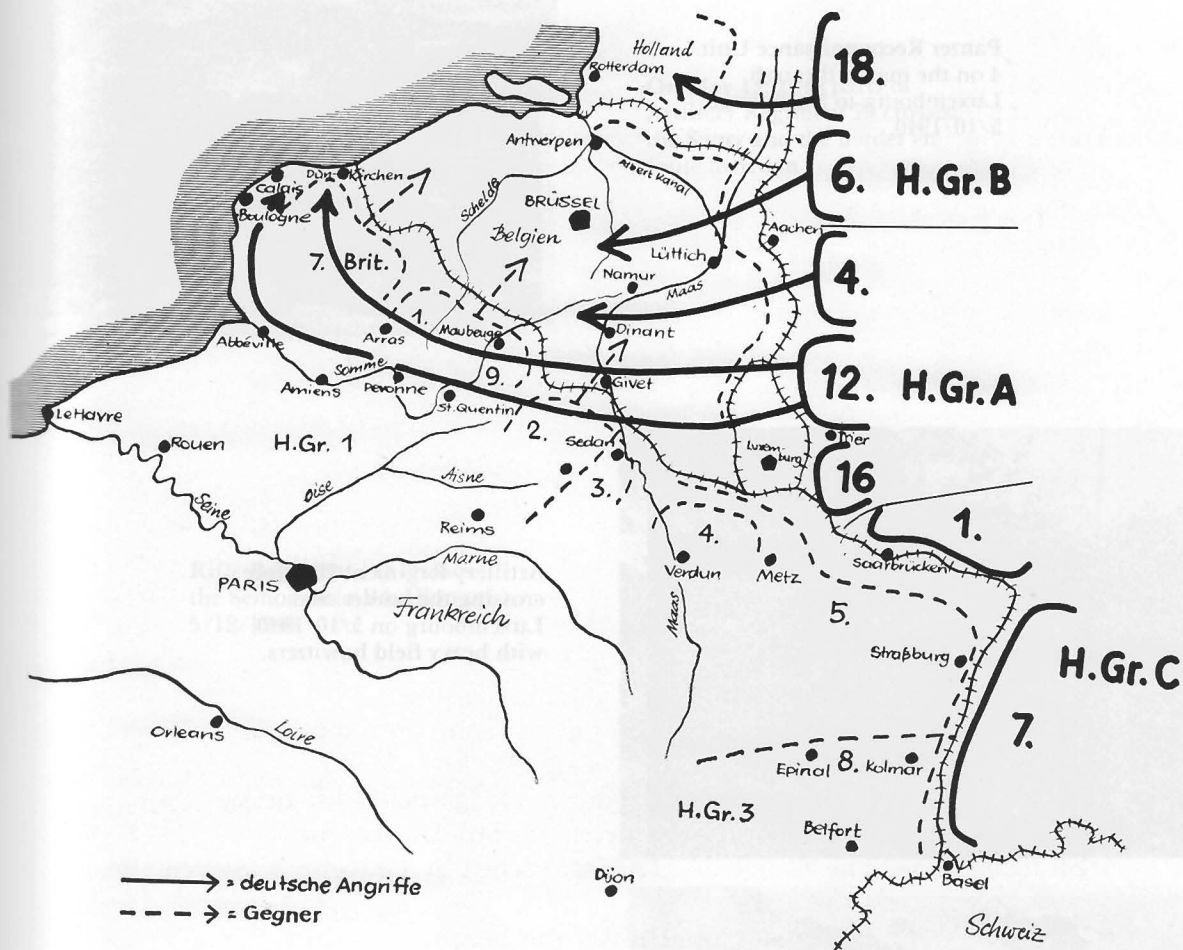


Technical service for  
Reconnaissance Unit 4 after  
combat in Poland.

## 1940

After a quiet training time, the campaign against France began in May. In it the division proved itself especially well. The experience gained in this action inspired changes in training, structure and equipment. At the end of the year an even stronger Panzer division was in East Prussia, fully ready for service.

- March 1, 1940: *Generalmajor* Kirchner takes command of the division.
- Early March: Transfer to the Mosel and southern Eifel, subordinated to the XIX. AK (mot.) of Guderian.
- To May 1940: All 3 battalions of Rifle Regiment 1 receive at least 2 companies with armored vehicles (SPW).
- 5/9/1940: Move into assembly areas.
- 5/10/1940: 5:35 A.M., campaign against France begins. Division pushes through Luxembourg and southern Belgium toward Sedan.
- 5/13/1940: With strong artillery and dive-bomber support, attack across the Meuse, followed by hard fighting.
- 5/14/1940: Further advance toward Rethel and Amiens. Combat against strong French tank forces.
- 5/17/1940: The Oise is crossed fighting, the area south of St. Quentin is won.
- 5/20/1940: Bridgeheads near Amiens are gained with heavy losses.
- 5/21/1940: Turn to the northwest, toward Dunkerque.
- 5/24/1940: The Canal de L'Aa is reached at Gravelines. Stayed there until 5/27.
- 5/27/1940: The attack on Dunkerque began.
- 6/2-4/1940: Division marches and transfers to area north of Rethel. Subordinated to XXXIX. AK (mot.) here.
- 6/10/1940: Attack from a bridgehead south of the Aisne to break through the Weygand Line.
- 6/11/1940: After hard fighting, further advance to St. Dizier on the Marne.
- 6/13/1940: Pursuit of the retreating enemy after reaching the Marne.
- 6/15/1940: Through Chaumont, around Langres. Gray sur Saone reached far behind the Maginot Line.
- 6/16/1940: Besancon is taken and the Swiss border is reached.
- 6/17/1940: Turn northeastward toward Burgundian Gate and southern Vosges Mountains.
- 6/19/1940: Belfort is taken.
- 6/22/1940: Armistice; remained in France. Vacation, refreshment, training.
- 9/5/1940: Transfer to Zinten-Sensburg-Allenstein-Rastenburg
- End of year: Area in East Prussia, further training, changes in structure, arrival of better weapons. Staff of 1st Panzer Brigade disbanded. Panzer Regiment 2 goes to new 16th Panzer Division. Rifle Regiment 113 is formed. Each rifle regiment has two battalions. Panzer Artillery Regiment, as III. Unit, gains previously assigned II. (heavy) A.R.56 (mot.). Panzer Regiment 1 gives up all Panzer I, receives Panzer III. Regiment now has 155 tanks (85 Panzer III and 30 Panzer IV).



## THE CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE

SPW of the 3rd Group, 11./S.R.1, with Becker, Busch, Kosel (all of whom later fell in Russia) advancing toward Neuf-Châteaux, France, 5/11/1940.



Panzer Reconnaissance Unit  
4 on the march through  
Luxembourg to Martelange,  
5/10/1940.



Artillery Regiment 73 before  
crossing the border near  
Luxembourg on 5/10/1940,  
with heavy field howitzers.



A Panzer III tank of the  
2./Panzer Regiment 1 near  
Neuf-Chateau (Belgium) on  
5/12/1940.

Bridge position near  
Martelingen; *Unteroffizier*  
Becker, *Oberfeldwebel* Rau  
with comrades removing  
mines. At right is a Belgian  
officer who was surprised  
because the mines did not  
explode. May 1940.







On May 13, 1940 parts of Artillery Regiment 73 crossed the Sauer and the border en route to Sedan.

Rifle Regiment 113 crosses the Semois near Bouillon on 5/12/1940.



Oberst Netdewig with the Panzer III command tank (R01) of Panzer Regiment 1 in Bouillon on 5/12/1940.



Parts of Artillery Regiment 73 advance toward Fleigneux and take up positions there (5/13/1940). The batteries pass parts of Anti-Aircraft Unit 83, at the right of the picture.



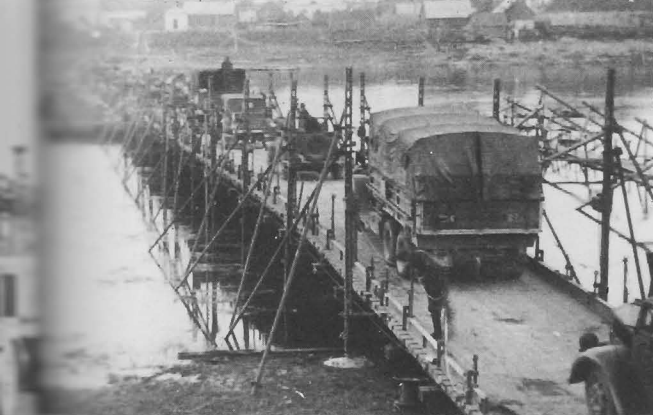
Quadruple guns of Light  
Anti-Aircraft Unit 83 advance  
toward Sedan, May 1940.



Crossing the Meuse at Sedan  
(5/13/1940) with French  
prisoners. In the center, with  
Schiffchen cap, is the  
Commander of Rifle  
Regiment 1, *Oberstleutnant*  
Balk.

The Meuse bridge, built by  
Pz.Pi.Btl.37 and other  
engineer units (on  
5/14/1940), was a 36-ton "all-  
pontoon" bridge.





A bridge over the Meuse, only for wheeled vehicles, built by Panzer Engineer Battalion 37, May 1940.

A heavy field howitzer of Artillery Regiment 73 in firing position near Cheveuges (Sedan) on May 14, 1940.



A destroyed French tank (May 14, 1940); standing before it is *Oberleutnant von Isakovics* (Chief of the 6./S.R.1).



A damaged Panzer III tank after the tank battle at Bulson (4./Panzer Regiment 1).

French scout car and SPW of the 12./S.R.1 near Chehery, May 1940.



A shot-up Panzer II near Chehery in May of 1940. The shots fell right around the driver's window.



Eight- and six-wheeled armored scout cars on the march to Chehery (Panzer Reconnaissance Unit 4) in May of 1940.

A 150mm heavy self-propelled Infantry Gun 33 on Pz.Kpfw.IB on the march to Chehery in May of 1940.





Panzer II tank, *Feldwebel* H. Vogt and his crew after the tank battle southwest of Sedan on May 14, 1940.

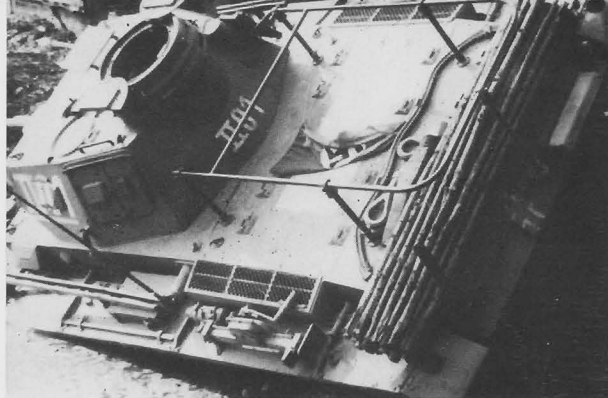
A Panzer II of the 5./Panzer Regiment I in the Sedan area on June 14, 1940.



A destroyed French tank in the Sedan area, May 1940.



A 37mm antitank gun of Panzerjäger Unit 37 in France near Chehery, May 1940.



*Hauptmann Gittermann's Panzer Command Car II01 stuck in a bomb crater near Chehery on May 15, 1940.*

A destroyed armored scout car of Panzer Reconnaissance Unit 4 (Major von Scheele) south of Chehery on May 14, 1940.



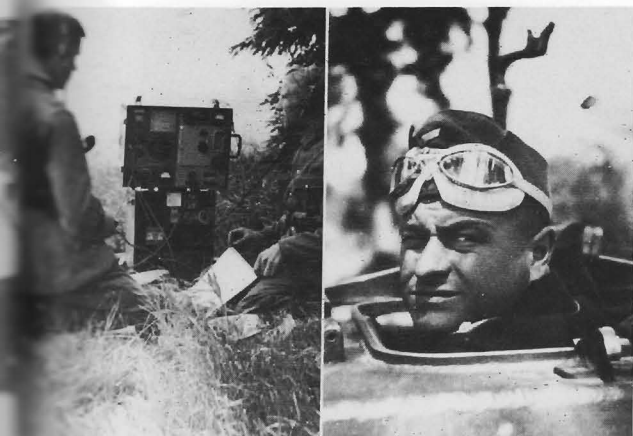
Members of S.R.1 take a break on the march near Vendresse, May 14, 1940.

The 8./S.R.113 moves westward through Vendresse in its SPW's, May 15, 1940.





Men of the 3./S.R.113 take a rest in a village in the Sedan area, May 15, 1940.



Left: A radioman of Panzerjäger Unit 37. Right: *Feldwebel* Hans Voigt in a Panzer II of Panzer Regiment 1 near the village of Bouvellingmont, May 15, 1940.

A gun of the 1./A.R.73 before Chagny on May 15, 1940.



Men of the 1./Motorcycle Rifle Battalion 1 in Chagny on May 16, 1940.

The 8./S.R.113 in their  
SPW's on the march toward  
Amiens on May 20, 1940.

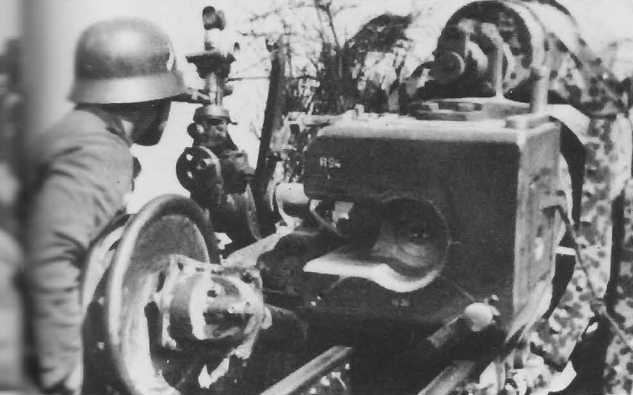


Parts of Pz.A.R.73 in the  
Amiens area, their heavy field  
howitzers in firing position,  
May 20, 1940.

*Hauptmann Kaufmann* at  
the edge of Amiens (which  
fell a day later) on May 20,  
1940, in a Panzer III (Panzer  
Regiment 1).



Tanks of Panzer Regiment 1  
at the edge of Amiens on May  
20, 1940.



Parts of Artillery Regiment  
73 with heavy field howitzers  
in firing position at the  
southern edge of Amiens.

Parts of Artillery Regiment  
56 in firing position near  
Amiens, May 1940.



British prisoners at Dury  
(south of Amiens), brought  
in by the 2./S.R.1 on May 20,  
1940.

A 150mm heavy Infantry  
Gun on the advance route to  
Amiens, May 1940.





Reconnaissance men of A.A.4 before Calais, May 23, 1940.



A German Stuka belly-landed near Bourbourg-Ville on May 24, 1940, with the 10./S.R.1.



A flood of refugees on the road to St. Albert, May 1940.



British prisoners in the Calais area, mid-May 1940.



Men of S.R.1 at rest, May 1940.



*Oberleutnant Zeheter* (Chief, 1st Panzerjäger Unit 37) with truck and driver in a town near Amiens, May 1940.



Wounded British soldiers are loaded up and taken to hospitals in the Calais area, May 1940.



British prisoners brought in by the 11./S.R.1 at St. Albert on May 21, 1940.







Members of the Staff  
Company, II./Panzer  
Regiment 1; *Oberfeldwebel*  
Bartel having a smoke.



Moroccan prisoners.

Chief of the 1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37  
Company Troop, *Feldwebel*  
Rau, and a courier in the  
Amiens area, May 21, 1940.



The 8./Panzer Regiment 1 on  
the outskirts of Amiens on  
May 20, 1940.



Artillery Regiment 73 takes up firing positions at the edge of Amiens on May 20, 1940.



Parts of the 5./Panzer Regiment 1, with *Feldwebel* Hans Voigt in the leading Panzer II (near Desvres on May 23, 1940).



Members of the 6./S.R.1 with a captured tank.



General Kirchner in a car of the 1st Panzer Division in Offkerque on May 25, 1940.



A monument to fallen comrades of the 2./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 near Dunkerque on May 24, 1940.

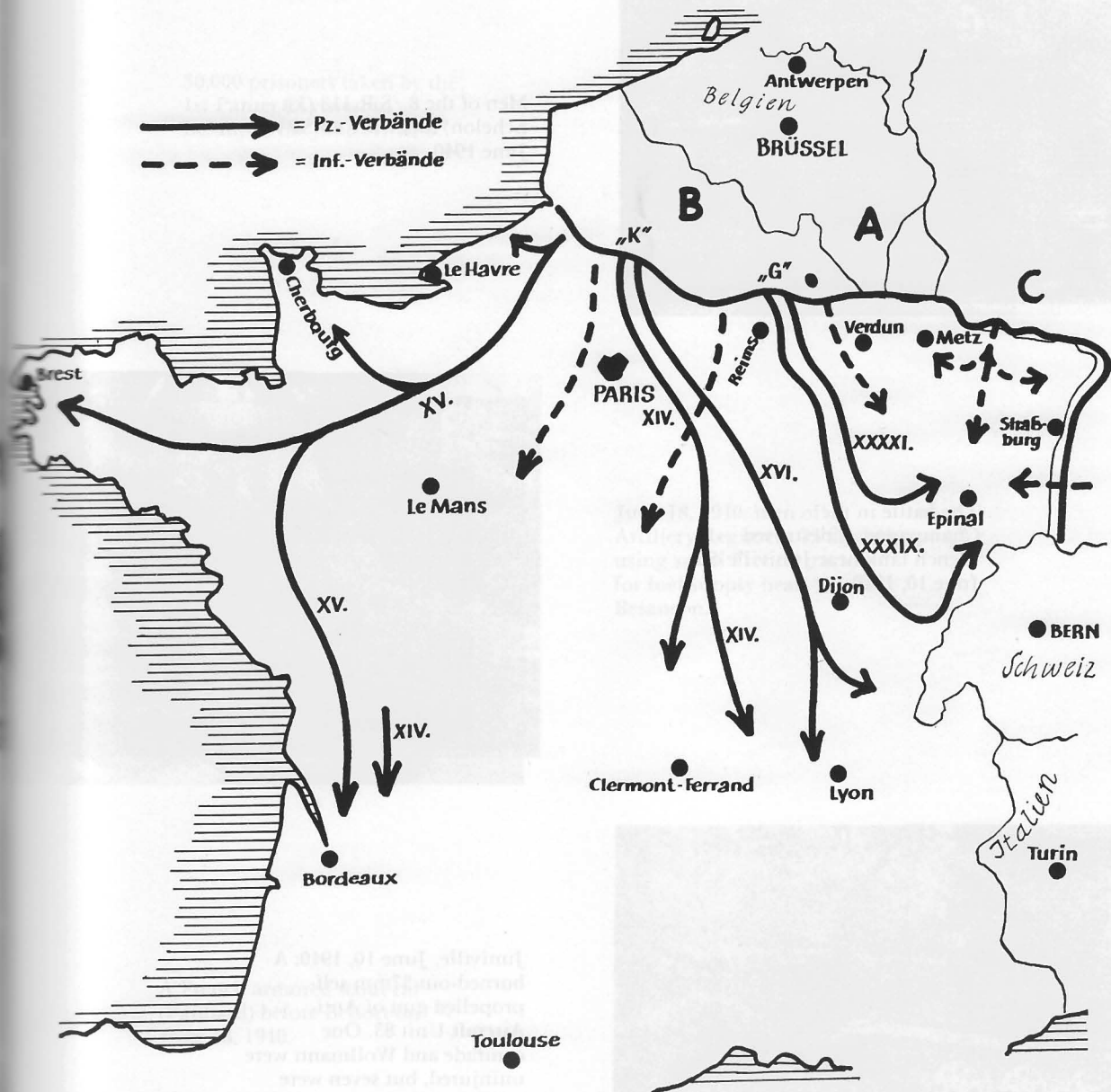
British tanks on the Channel coast (August 28, 1940).  
Unteroffizier Willi Möller  
and Gefreiter H.O.  
Wendenburg.



Oberleutnant Feig and his driver, of Rifle Regiment 113, on the Channel coast on May 28, 1940.

Soldiers of the 6./Rifle  
Regiment 1.





Above: The 1st Panzer Division fought with the XXXIX. Panzer Corps of the Guderian (G) Panzer Group.

Inspection of the tank workshop of Panzer Regiment 1 by General Kirchner on June 17, 1940.







Men of the 8./S.R.113 (1st Echelon) repairing an SPW, June 1940.

The battle in the Champagne. A destroyed French tank near Juniville on June 10, 1940.



Juniville, June 10, 1940: A burned-out 37mm self-propelled gun of Anti-Aircraft Unit 83. One comrade and Wollmann were uninjured, but seven were killed or injured.

A destroyed British light tank (Mk IIA) hit by Anti-Aircraft Unit 3 at Juniville on June 6, 1940. Officers of the unit examine the tank.





30,000 prisoners taken by the  
1st Panzer Division in  
Besancon on June 17, 1940.



June 18, 1940; men of  
Artillery Regiment 73 are  
using small French tractors  
for fuel supply near  
Besancon.

A French armored scout car  
(Panhard) before Belfort on  
June 18, 1940.



June 18, 1940; the  
1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 in house-to-  
house fighting in Belfort,  
under the command of  
*Hauptmann Stettin.*

A battery of A.R.73 before the Fortress of Belfort. A heavy field howitzer in firing position, June 18, 1940.



Into the Fortress of Belfort over the drawbridge, by Rifle Regiment 113 on June 18, 1940.



The entrance to the Fortress of Belfort and the 6./Rifle Regiment 1, June 18, 1940.

On June 21, 1940 Gefreiter H.O. Wendenburg of Rifle Regiment 1 does securing duty with an MG 34 behind Chernima, in the Vosges.



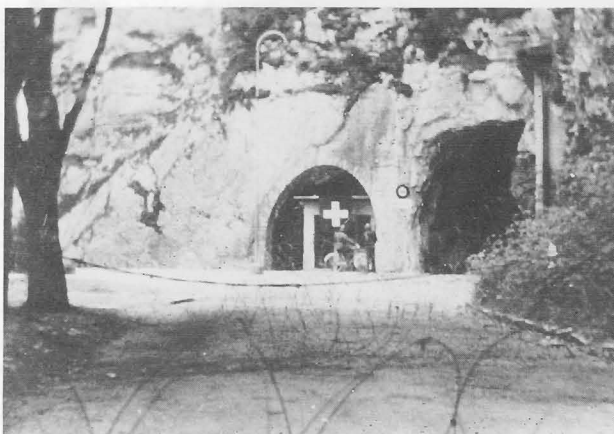


A low loader of the Tank Workshop Company of Panzer Regiment 1 takes a tank away for further repairs.

A makeshift crane of the tank Workshop of Panzer Regiment 1; here a Panzer II is being repaired.



The end of the French campaign in June of 1940 — the Swiss border.



Over the rooftops of Paris, June 1940. Members of the 6./S.R.1 visit Paris and a spotlight installation with Oberleutnant Isacovics, Leutnant Wendt (center), driver Griessbach and a courier.

*Oberstleutnant* Eichstädt  
(A.R.73) is awarding the Iron  
Cross II to *Hauptmann*  
Wettig, June 1940.



## TRANSFER TO EAST PRUSSIA

Panzer Regiment 1 is loaded  
for transport to East Prussia  
on September 5, 1940. Here is  
the chief's tank of the 1st  
Company.



The NCO Corps of the  
1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 looks at the  
Compiegne garage in July of  
1940.

Rifle Regiment 1 on its way  
from France to East Prussia  
in August of 1940.





Gauleiter Saukel visits the 1st Panzer Division in East Prussia (October 1940).

Leutnant Wendt,  
Oberleutnant Föllmer, Chief  
2./113, Oberleutnant Weber,  
Chief 4./113.



At the barracks of Panzer Regiment 1 in Zinten, East Prussia, Ahlbach and two of his men are seen in the vehicle building, October 1940.

The 18-ton halftrack towing tractor (Pz.W.Kp./Pz.Reg.1) is towing a tank of the 6th Company at the Arys Troop Training Camp, November 1940.



Reconnaissance Unit 1 in East Prussia, eight- and four-wheeled armored scout cars, October 1940.

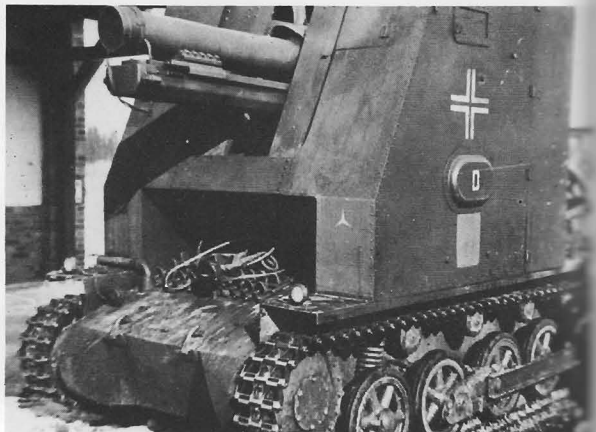




Staff members of the  
II./S.R.113 at Sorquitten,  
East Prussia; *Hauptfeldwebel*  
Böhm and *Feldwebel* Winkel.



A 150mm self-propelled  
heavy infantry gun of 702 in  
East Prussia, winter 1940-41.



SPW of the II./S.R.113 at  
the Arys Troop Training  
Camp, East Prussia, winter  
1940-41.

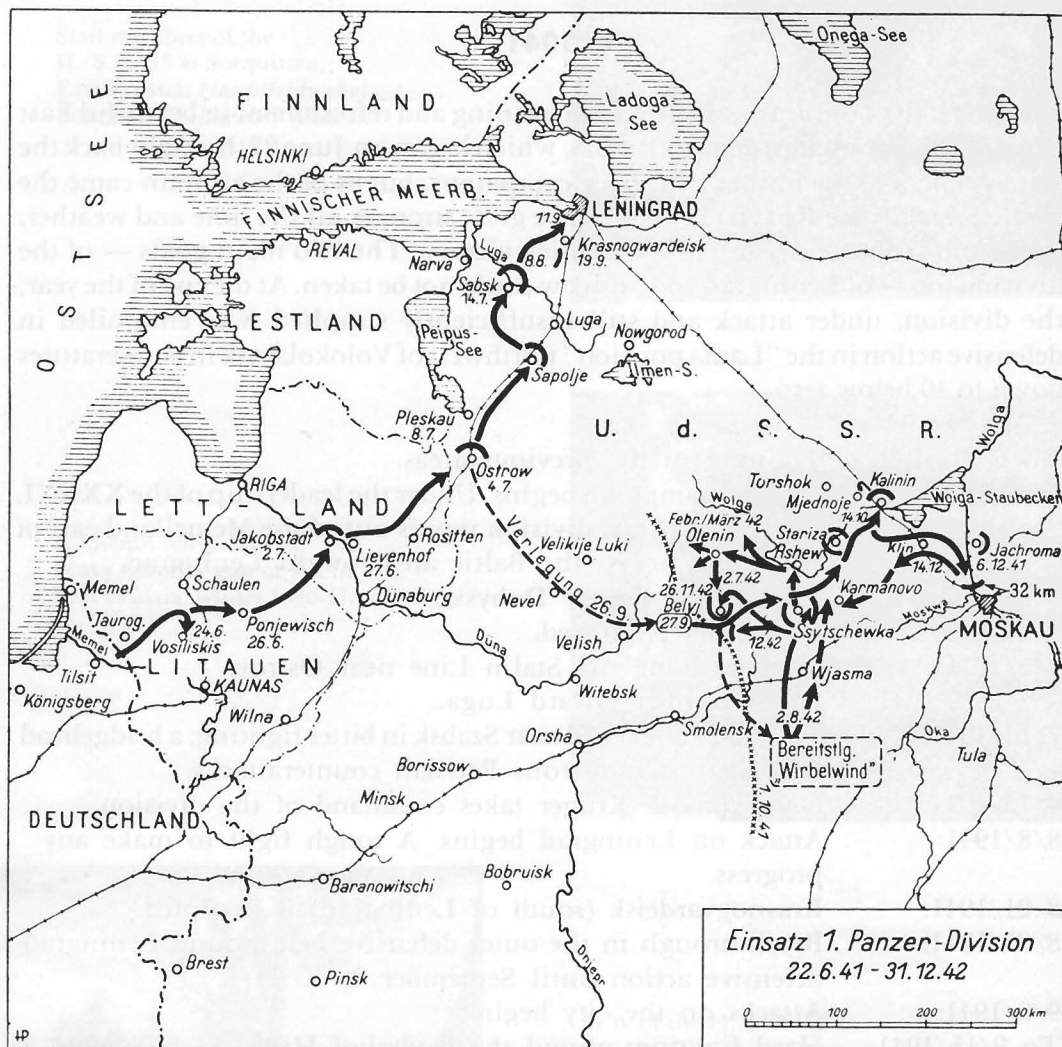


Officers of Panzer Engineer  
Battalion 37 in East Prussia:  
*Hauptmann* Haupt,  
*Oberleutnant* Kutter,  
*Oberarzt* Beindorff, *Leutnant*  
Pegel, *Leutnant* Hemmleb,  
*Hauptmann* Grosse, winter  
1940-41.

## 1941

The first half of the year was filled with training and refreshment in beautiful East Prussia. The campaign against Russia, which began on June 22, brought back the fast advances of the former Blitzkrieg campaigns, but as of the autumn came the awareness that the Red Army's resistance grew stronger all the time and weather, space and scope would not allow a quick victory. The two main goals — of the division too — of Leningrad and Moscow could not be taken. At the end of the year, the division, under attack and still insufficiently supplied, was embroiled in defensive action in the "Lama position" northwest of Volokolamsk in temperatures down to 40 below zero.

- To 6/21/1941: Training in the previous areas.
- 6/22/1941: Russian campaign begins. Under the leadership of the XXXXI. Panzer Corps the division moves out of the Memelland east of Tilsit and across the Baltic area toward Leningrad.
- 6/23-26/1941: Tank battle on the Dubyssa.
- 6/28/1941: The Düna is crossed.
- 7/5/1941: Combat along the Stalin Line near Ostrov.
- To 7/12/1941: Forest combat toward Luga.
- 7/14/1941: The Luga is reached near Szabsk in bitter fighting, a bridgehead held against numerous Russian counterattacks.
- 7/15/1941: *Generalmajor* Krüger takes command of the division.
- 8/8/1941: Attack on Leningrad begins. A tough fight to make any progress.
- 8/21/1941: Krasnogvardeisk (south of Leningrad) is occupied.
- 8/23/1941: Breakthrough in the outer defensive belt around Leningrad; defensive action until September 8.
- 9/9/1941: Attacks on the city begin.
- To 9/15/1941: Hard fighting around the Duderhof Hills.
- 9/16/1941: Withdrawal of division and transfer (road and rail) to Army Group Center near Byeloy (north of Smolensk) begin.
- 10/2/1941: Attack toward Moscow.
- 10/7/1941: The upper Dniepr is crossed.
- 10/13/1941: Kalinin, south of the Volga Basin, is taken. Hard fighting there until the end of November.
- 12/1/1941: Attack toward Moscow-Volga Canal north of Moscow.
- 12/6/1941: Fighting broken off, withdrawal combat at Klin.
- 12/16/1941: Removal to Ruza sector, to stay till year's end. At this time the units are put in order and strengthened with replacements, but the lost materials cannot be replaced yet.



Spring 1941, 7./Pz.Reg.1  
departs to Arys Troop  
Training Camp, East  
Prussia. In the foreground  
are Hauptmann Grothkarst,  
Oberleutnant von Petersdorff  
and Oberleutnant Felix Poel.



East Prussia, winter 1941. A 150mm self-propelled heavy infantry gun, with *Feldwebel* Fenzig standing beside it.

Rifle Regiment 1 in Rastenburg in the winter.



The 6./Panzer Regiment 1 at the Arys Troop Training Camp, testing gas masks in the spring of 1941.

The II./S.R.1 at a soccer game in Rastenburg, winter 1941.







A light armored scout car of A.A.1 in East Prussia. At left is *Fahnenjunker-Gefreiter* von Ostau, at right *Gefreiter* Kühne.



An SPW of the 2./S.R.113 at Sorquitten, East Prussia, spring 1941.

Men of the 6./Panzer Regiment 1 at the Arys Training Camp (East Prussia) picking up their food; second from right is Ahlback.



Gunners of A.R.73 at their guns, wearing gas masks, spring 1941 (East Prussia).





Repairing a Panzer III, done by the Workshop Company, Panzer Regiment 1, at Zinten, East Prussia, April 1941.



Giving orders at training camp in East Prussia, spring 1941; Oberleutnant Feig, I./S.R.113, with his officers.



Company Home, I./Motorcycle Rifle Battalion 1, East Prussia, spring 1941.

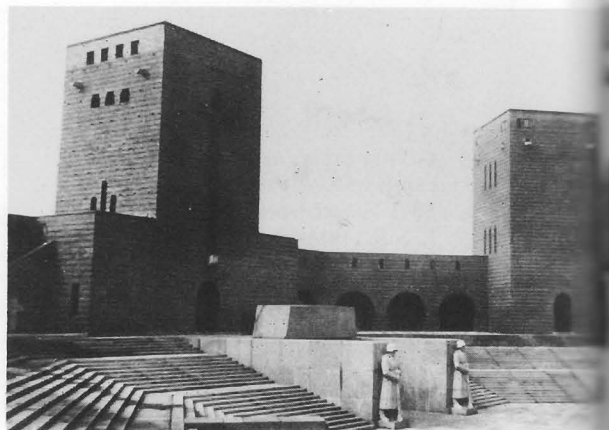


Members of the Workshop Company (WK) 3./81 in paper hats, presenting comrade Fridolin with his "last lubrication" before combat, East Prussia, May 1941.



A practical joke in the  
quarters of A.R.73 in East  
Prussia, spring 1941.

The Tannenberg Monument  
in East Prussia.



The Drachenberg Barracks of  
the motorcycle riflemen in  
Meiningen, Thuringia.

Meiningen Barracks.



While the regiments of the 1st Panzer Division waited in assembly areas in East Prussia, replacements were trained further in the old barracks. Here recruits of the Replacement Unit of S.R.1 are sworn in at Gera-Weimar, before von Studnitz, von Jagow, von Richter.



Swearing in the 3./Pz.Ers.Abt.1 in Erfurt; Chief, *Hauptmann* G. Wolf, spring 1941.

Training with a grenade launcher at Gera-Weimar, 1941, for the Replacement Unit of S.R.1; Restehorn, von Griessheim.



SPW driving school, winter 1941, Ers.Abt./S.R.1 at Weimar, with Pagel, Rettig, Westpol, Walter.



Light infantry gun training  
for the Ers.Abt./Rifle  
Regiment 1, Weimar, 1941.

Machine gun training with  
MG 34 in Weimar,  
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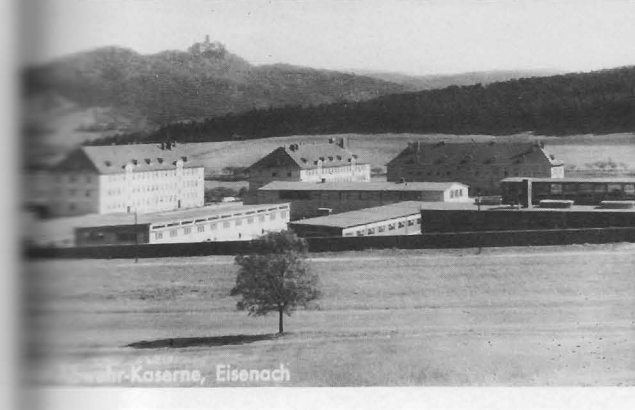


Rifle training for action near  
the front, Ers.Abt./S.R.1 in  
Weimar.



Replacement personnel for  
S.R.1 in the 1st Panzer  
Division, 1941.





Barracks of Panzerjäger Unit  
37 in Eisenach, Thuringia.

The border town of Tilsit,  
East Prussia: Queen Louise  
Bridge, June 1941.

## ADVANCE TOWARD LENINGRAD

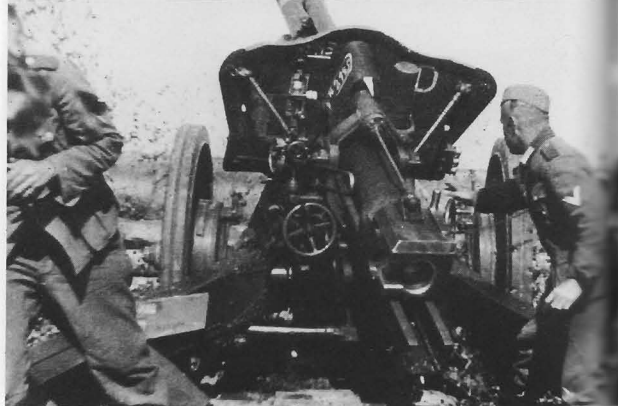
The 4./S.R.113 north of  
Tauroggen on June 22, 1941,  
under its Chief, *Oberleutnant*  
Weber.



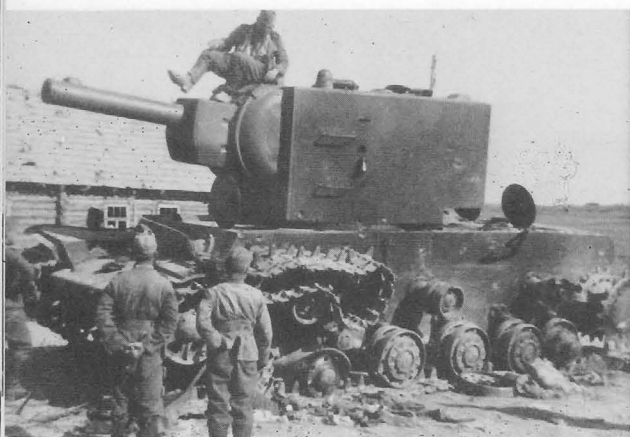
Pz.Pi.Btl.37 (*Oberleutnant*  
Braun) builds a military  
bridge near Tauroggen,  
while Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 fords the river.



A light Field Howitzer 18 (105mm) of the 4./A.R.73 firing near Tauroggen.



A.R.73 directly at the KV I and KV II tanks appearing before them (June 25, 1941).



A Russian KV II tank with its running gear destroyed by A.R.73. Men of the regiment examine the KV II near Vosiliskis, 6/25/1941.

An SPW of S.R.1 in a town near Vosiliskis. The crews were given drinking water by the townspeople, June 1941.





A radio tank of Intelligence Unit 37 in the Saukotas area on June 25, 1941.

A tank of the 8./Panzer Regiment 1 with Panzergrenadiers following it near Saukotas, June 1941.



Light Anti-Aircraft Unit 83 after firing their 37mm gun at a light Russian tank near Saukotas, June 1941.



A motorcycle courier of S.R.113 at Bargailai, June 1941.



A destroyed enemy tank near Saukotas, June 25, 1941. Men of the 1./AA Unit 83 examine the effects of their shots.

June 25, 1941, Russian tanks are fired on and put out of commission by the guns of Artillery Regiment 73 near Vosiliskis.



A Panzer III of the 6./Panzer Regiment 1 is towed by a recovery platoon at Saukotas, June 25, 1941.

*Unteroffizier Kaufmann's* 18-ton recovery tractor, Workshop Company, Panzer Regiment 1, in the Saukotas area, June 1941.

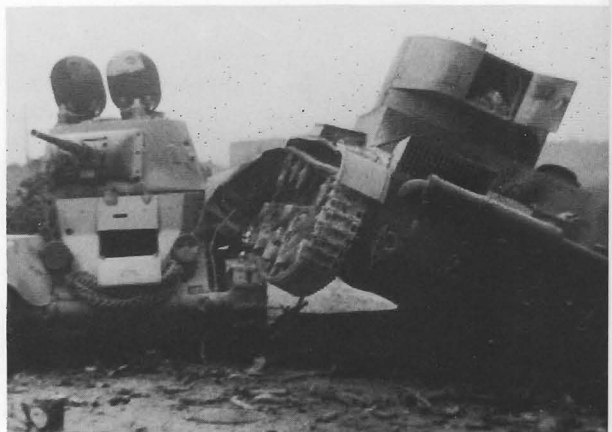


A self-propelled 37mm gun.  
Gun leader Kurt Brich shot  
down many Russian tanks in  
the tank battle around  
Saukotas-Vosiliskis.



Men of the I./AA Unit 83  
capture a Russian tank driver  
and question him —  
Saukotas, June 25, 1941.

Destroyed Russian tanks (also  
called "Mickey Mouse"  
because of the opened entry  
hatches) in the tank battle at  
Vosiliskis, June 25, 1941.



Russian tanks after the tank  
battle at Vosiliskis, June 25,  
1941.





A Russian KV I tank put out of commission, Vosiliskis, 1941.

Many destroyed Russian tanks are along the advance route after the battle at Vosiliskis, June 25, 1941.



A light field howitzer of the 3./A.R.73 in the Ponyevich area, June 26, 1941.



*Leutnant* Pfitzer, Company and Shock Troop Leader, 3./A.R.113, took the highway bridge over the Velikaya at Ostrov on July 4, 1941, despite the strongest defense. Two enemy tanks and a 75mm gun were put out of commission before the bridge island was reached.

Major Söth (Commander in A.R.73) in a Kübelwagen near Ostrov on July 5, 1941.



Major Dr. Eckinger decorating his men (S.R.113) at Ostrov on July 6, 1941.

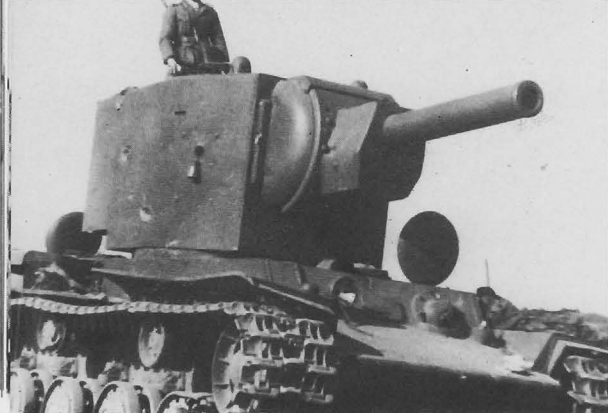


A pause in the battle in the Kaprova sector. Command tank 102 and soldiers of Engineer Battalion 37 recover a bit from the heavy Russian attacks on July 13, 1941.



*Oberleutnant* Heckel (Panzer Regiment 1), with *Obergefreiter* Krämer beside him to the right, in the Karpova sector, July 13, 1941.





A Russian KV II tank at the Ostrov bridgehead, July 1941.

A Panzer IV of the 8./Panzer Regiment 1 is towed away by *Unteroffizier* Kaufmann's recovery platoon near Ostrov, July 1941.



A destroyed Panzer IV tank of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 in the Karpova sector, July 1941.

A Panzer III of the 7./Panzer Regiment 1 is repaired. The repair echelons worked around the clock. Near Ostrov, July 1941.



A Panzer III of the 7./Panzer Regiment 1 at the tank workshop in Ostrov, July 1941.



A Russian KV I rolled over a Kübelwagen of Panzerjäger Unit 37 near Ostrov, July 1941.

The bakery company in Ostrov, July 1941.



*Zahlmeister* (Paymaster) Heinrich and *Gefreiter* Görlitz in the sidecar of the 702nd (heavy infantry gun) Unit at Ostrov, 1941.



Farm life goes on in the hinterlands of Russia, summer 1941.



Men of the Workshop Company, 3./81 provide for themselves. Buying pigs was not always so easy.

Here too, buying a pig looks rather difficult. The men of the 702nd, Harnisch, Cochoy, Stolz, Hoffmann and Horst Reff, have to be patient. Near Ostrov, July 1941.



*Leutnant* Cochoy with a self-propelled 150mm heavy infantry gun of the 702nd near Luga, July 1941.



A destroyed Russian KV I tank at the Luga bridgehead, July 13, 1941.

General Krüger with his Panzer III command tank of N.A.37 near Luga, July 14, 1941.



Russian prisoners bring back the wounded, Luga, July 1941.

*Oberleutnant* Count von Lüttichau at the wheel of a car of the II./Panzer Regiment 1, July 1941.





A Panzer III with its crew,  
7./Panzer Regiment 1, at the  
Uga bridgehead, July 1941.



Members of the  
I./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 near Luga,  
July 1941; in the center is  
*Gefreiter* Kehrel.

Panzergrrenadiers of the 113th  
drive out of their assembly  
area with the Panzer  
Regiment 1 unit near Luga,  
July 14, 1941.



The kitchen truck of the  
Staff Company, II./Panzer  
Regiment 1, "Spiess" Paul  
Grüner eating his dinner,  
Luga sector, 1941.



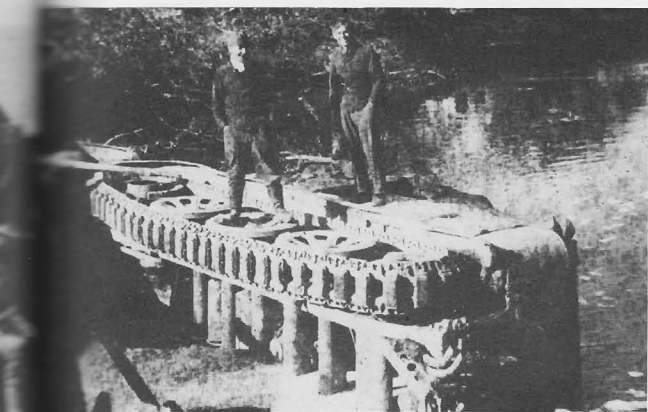
Men of Pz.Pi.Btl.37 have brought in prisoners near Luga, July 1941.



The Workshop Company of Panzer Regiment 1 in the woods north of Luga, July 1941.



The Chief's car of the 5./K.1 during the advance, July 1941.



The towing tractor of the Recovery Platoon, Workshop Company, Panzer Regiment 1, lies in the water in the Luga sector, July 1941.



Major Dr. Eckinger (Rifle Regiment 113) awarding decorations in the Ostrov area, summer 1941.



Quadruple guns on a 12-ton towing tractor of the 1st AA Unit 83, Kolpnovo area, August 1941.

Men of Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 in the big tank trench at Pysma, August 23, 1941.



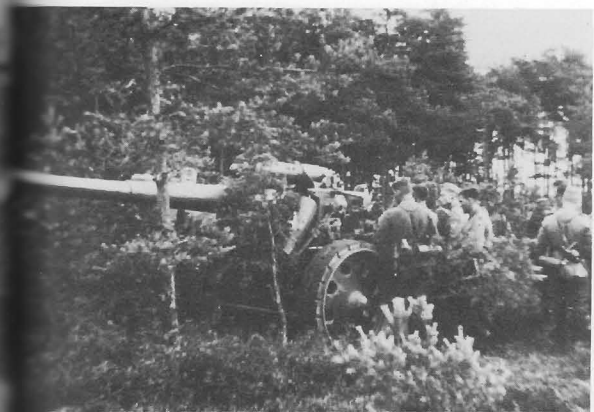
A motorcycle platoon of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 near Ostrov, July 1941. At right is Walter Eger, in the center Hans Henning.



The writing-room wagon of WK 3./81 near Luga, July 1941.



Trucks of combat supply train I (GI) of the 1st AA Unit 83 on a muddy road near Luga, July 1941.



A heavy field howitzer of A.R.73 in the woods north of Luga, August 1941.



Burial of comrades on Hill 105 (S.R.113) on August 8, 1941.



The 2./Medical Company 81 in the area north of Luga, August 1941. A surgeon performs an operation (with full anesthesia) on a left upper thigh.

A heavy infantry gun of the 702nd near Pysma. The gun belongs to *Leutnant* Cochoy's group, August 1941.



Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 with S.R.113 and S.R.1 in the great tank trench of Pysma. One of the men is using a trench periscope, August 1941.



A heavy machine gun of Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 in the tank trench at Pysma, early September 1941.



A gun of the 4./Pz.A.R.73 with opened breech during a lull in battle. From left to right: two ammunition men, gunner and loader, south of Duderhof, August 24, 1941.



Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit 299 firing south of Duderhof, August 1941.



A Panzer III of the 6./Panzer Regiment 1 is repaired at the advance tank workshop. Tank fitter Kurt Reiser is kneeling, August 1941.





A Panzer IV (short) of the 8./Panzer Regiment 1 on its way to an assembly area near Duderhof, August 1941.

Major von Wolf questions a female Commissar, Pysma area, August 1941.



A Panzer III of Panzer Regiment 1 passes a Russian KV II tank, carrying its camouflage with it, Duderhof area, August 1941.



A crossroads near Leningrad, September 1941.

*Leutnant Rheinhard and  
Feldwebel Grimm (Krad-  
Erk.Zug II./Panzer Regiment  
1) before Krasnogvardeisk,  
September 1941.*

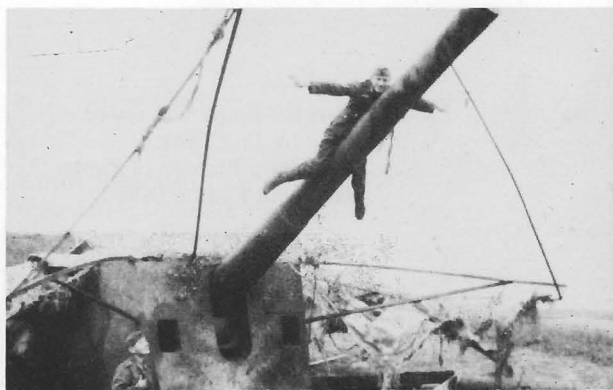


*Members of the 1st Panzer  
Division fix a leaking fuel  
tank on their truck during  
the advance to  
Krasnogvardeisk, August  
1941.*



*Heavy guns are set up to fire  
on Leningrad, September  
1941.*

*Russian bunker guns on the  
Duderhof Heights, captured  
by the 2./Pz.Pi.Btl. under  
Company Chief  
Oberleutnant Clavekorn, of  
the battle group of Major Dr.  
Eckinger, on September 9,  
1941.*





Major Dr. Eckinger awards medals to men of S.R.113, September 1941.

The entrance to the Imperial palace of Tsarskoe Selo outside Leningrad, September 1941.

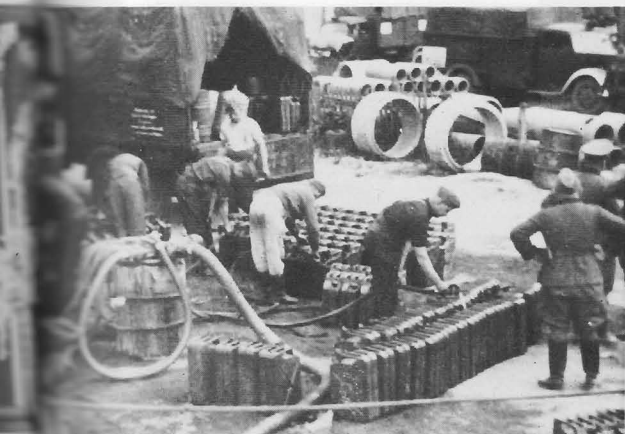


A launcher of Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 before Leningrad. Here a shell has just been fired. September 1941.

This KV I tank was towed away by The Tank Workshop Platoon of Panzer Regiment I and repaired.



Visibly moved, still showing signs of hard combat, the shock-troop leader says farewell to his comrades, 1./S.R.113, Leningrad area, September 1941.



Fuel supplies for the 1st Panzer Division have been brought forward by the GI.

A destroyed KV I outside Leningrad, September 1941.



Panzer Regiment 1 being transported from the north to the center, to be unloaded in Vitebsk, 9/26/1941.





Transporting a heavy 150mm infantry gun, to be unloaded in Vitebsk on September 27. The picture shows eggs being exchanged. At lower left is Ryff, above in the center Obergefreiter Nessler.

## ADVANCE TOWARD MOSCOW



The 7./S.R.113 on the Dniepr, October 1941.



Men of Pz.Pi.Btl.37 cross the Osuga at Sychevka, October 1941.



A T-34 tank stuck in the mud on the Dniepr, October 1941.



*Feldwebel* Schäfer and his crew stand before a KV I shot down by him near Sychevka, early October 1941.



Shell holes in a Russian KV I tank later used by the 2./Panzer Regiment 1.



An 88mm anti-aircraft gun of AA Unit 299 at Sychevka, October 1941.



*Oberfeldwebel Köglin of  
Engineer Platoon K 1  
crossing the Osuga north of  
Sychevka, October 1941.*



A sign put up by the  
Workshop Company of  
Panzer Regiment 1 near  
Sychevka, winter 1941-42.



A self-propelled 150mm  
heavy infantry gun with  
*Feldwebel Kühn, Gefreiter  
Brandt, Gefreiter Jordan,*  
before Kalinin on  
10/10/1941.

A 75mm antitank gun of  
Panzerjäger Unit 37 in  
position before Kalinin,  
October 1941.



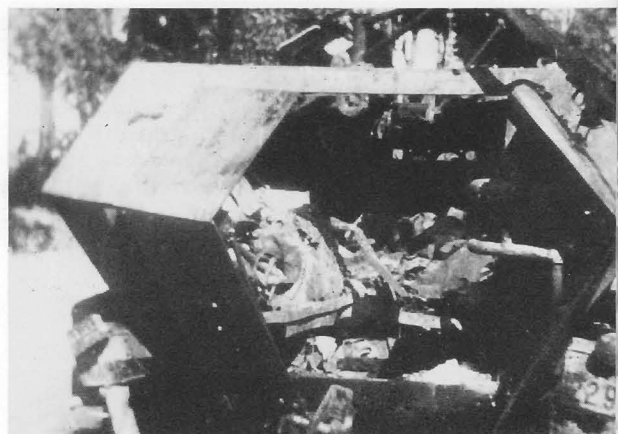


The Chief of the  
3./Pz.Pi.Btl.37, *Oberleutnant*  
Schiller, before Kalinin,  
October 1941.

The Volga Bridge in Kalinin,  
October 1941.



The burned-out SPW of  
Major Dr. Eckinger,  
Commander of the I./113,  
after being shot down by a  
Russian KV I tank near  
Palustovo on October 17,  
1941.



The grave of Major Dr.  
Eckinger before the church in  
Kalinin, October 1941.



Signposts at a crossroads near Klin, November 1941.

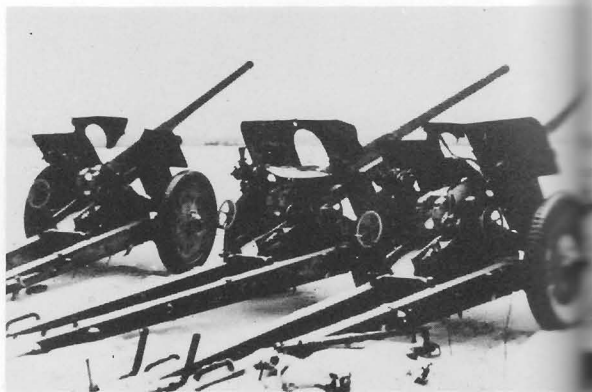


The grave of Willi Reitz, fallen on October 17, 1941 (Heavy Infantry Gun Unit 702) in combat near Kalinin.

Panzer III of the II./Panzer Regiment 1 east of Klin, December 1941.



Russian guns before Moscow; the guns could no longer be put into position, December 1941.





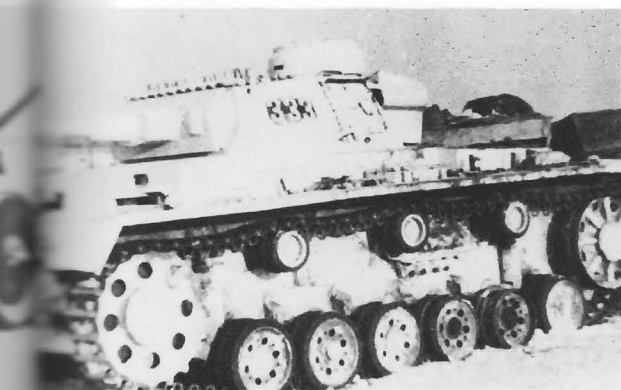
The bakery company truck with driver and assistant at Kalinin, December 1941.



Motorcycle riflemen of K 1 beyond Klin, December 1941. They could go no further.



A sign points to the Volga bridge. The snow coats of the soldiers were made of cloth from the Kalinin textile factory.



A Panzer III of the 3./Panzer Regiment 1. The winter paint was a coat of chalk (near Federovka, December 3, 1941).



K 1 at Nikolskoye on  
December 3, 1941.

Heavy field howitzers of the  
8./A.R.73 near Bely-Rast.  
The batteries often fired  
straight at attacking KV I and  
II tanks, December 4, 1941.



A Do-launcher on an SPW  
near Federovka, December 4,  
1941, with *Leutnant* Sander  
of Pz/Pi.Btl.37.

A heavy field howitzer of  
A.R.73 near the Moscow-  
Volga Canal on December 5,  
1941, temperature 38 below.



A fuel supply depot of the 1./AA Unit 83 in bitter cold weather, near Moscow, December 1941.



A light infantry gun before Moscow, December 1941. The soldiers could not stay at their guns long for lack of winter clothing.

Russian farmers were found in the woods, December 1941.



Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 is using horses at Klin, December 1941.



## RETREAT FIGHTING

Retreat, December 1941.  
Tank crews without tanks  
and supply crews were used  
as infantry. Here are men of  
the Staff Company,  
II./Panzer Regiment 1. At left  
Bornemann, at right  
Reisenwedel (taken near  
Klin).

Members of the 6./Panzer  
Regiment 1 were used as  
infantrymen. In the center is  
Ludwig Schulzey of the I.  
Echelon (Retreat, December  
1941).



Members of the 702nd near  
Klin. Top row, center,  
Krücke (range finder), bottom  
row, right *Oberfeldwebel*  
Theiss. Retreat, December  
1941.

Motorcycle couriers of S.R. 113 with their Zündapp in tow from a truck at 35 degrees below zero near Klin.



Members of the division in a Russian house. The cracks were stuffed with newspapers to keep out the cold, but there were lice!



Russian prisoners are pulling a truck that could not make it alone on an icy road near Vorinino (Light AA Unit 83), December 1941.



Truck drivers of WK 3./81 in retreat. The radiator is defective. Sometimes a piece of bread was stuck in — if it was available.





## 1942

The year saw the division in almost ceaseless attack and defensive action on the north wing of the Army Group Center in the Sychevka-Rshev-Olenin-Byeloy area. Once it had to be brought out for refreshment. The losses exceeded anything hitherto experienced. At the end of the year the survivors were transferred to France and reequipped.

- As of 1/10/1942: Advance from Sychevka area north to cut off the enemy breakthrough west of Rshev and clear the area around that city.  
March 1942: Defense of the area around Olenin.  
April 1942: Arrival of personnel, weapons and equipment for complete revitalization. Men transferred to form Panzer Unit 116 in 16th Infantry Division (mot.).  
7/2/1942: Attack southward toward Byeloy to close a gap in the front there.  
8/2/1942: Stopped a breakthrough east of Sychevka. Bitter fighting until end of October.  
As of Nov. 1942: Army reserve duty in Byeloy area.  
As of 11/26/42: Retreat action between Byeloy and Sychevka, continuing into mid-December.  
As of 12/25/42: Transfer to France for refreshment.

2nd Platoon, 1./Panzer Engineer Battalion 37, Platoon Leader *Oberfeldwebel* Plücken, who fell in March of 1942, seen here in the Rshev area, January 1942.



## FIGHTING IN THE SYCHEVKA AND RSHEV AREAS

A KV I tank of the 2./Panzer  
Regiment 1 in the workshop  
at Sychevka, January 1942.



*Oberstleutnant Knopff*  
(Commander, Panzer  
Engineer Battalion 37)  
awarding medals to his  
engineers in February of 1942  
(near Sychevka).

Chief's tank 200 with  
*Unteroffiziere* Kersch and  
Jacob of the 2./Panzer  
Regiment 1 near Sychevka,  
January 1942.



An 88mm gun of Army AA  
Unit 299 near Rshév.



Parts of Panzer Intelligence  
Unit 37 in Sychevka on  
January 12, 1942.



The band of Panzer  
Regiment 1, used as infantry  
along with the WK company,  
was caught in a trap at Rshév  
and lost 80% of its men; their  
graves are seen here  
(1/27/1942).



*Oberfeldwebel* Schäfer  
receives the Knight's Cross  
from General Krüger at  
Sychevka in the winter of  
1942. Also present were  
Commander Philipp (peaked  
cap) and *Hauptmann* Gilow.



The new Panzer III tank  
(long barrel), with  
*Unteroffizier* Jakob,  
radioman Hofmann in the  
turret, near Rshev, 1942.

A tractor of the recovery  
platoon of the tank workshop  
of Panzer Regiment 1; at  
right stands *Unteroffizier*  
Kaufmann, Rshev, April  
1942.



*Oberfeldwebel* Flick's SPW  
(7./S.R. 113) with 37mm  
gun, Rshev/Olenin, April  
1942.



Knight's Cross holder  
*Oberfeldwebel* Hans Strippel  
of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1  
(at Rshev, April 1942).



*Oberleutnant* Tischler at the  
Tarkovo bridgehead, July 3,  
1942.



A destroyed Russian T-34  
tank at Bol. Ssoino, July 3,  
1942.

Russian bring their wounded  
prisoners in near Krapivna,  
July 1942.



The Chief of the  
3./Panzerjäger Unit  
(*Hauptmann* Draeger) with  
Company Troop Leader  
*Oberfeldwebel* Roth near  
Rshev in 1942.





The band of Panzer Regiment 1 (Music Director Löchel) plays for the Workshop Company at Sychevka, July 1942.

Tank mechanics of the Tank Workshop Company, Panzer Regiment 1, at Rshev, July 1942.



Furloughed front soldiers at the railroad station in Smolensk, summer 1942.

*Oberleutnant von Pogrell in the woods near Gussevo in July of 1942, with Feldwebel Franz and Trommer. The 1st J.G. is testing a new aiming procedure.*



The military cemetery in Rshev, summer 1942. The 1./AA Unit 83 at the burial of comrades.



A kitchen truck of Heavy Infantry Gun Company 702 (mot.)/SFL with "Spiess" Probst and *Obergefreiter* Brandt (field cook) giving out bread. As an independent army unit, this company was subordinated to the 1st Panzer Division from April 1940 to December 1942.

An army cinema in Sychevka, summer 1942.



A Russian bear in Sychevka,  
summer 1942.



The Workshop Company of  
K 1 in Rshev, summer 1942,  
working on a four-wheeled  
scout car.

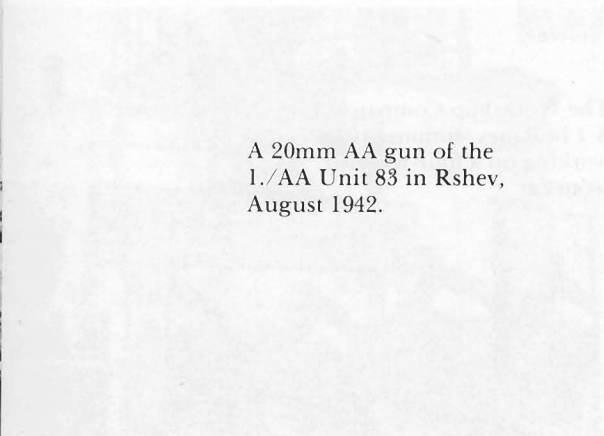
Signposts in Vyasma, 1942.



An army cinema with  
entertainment for the troops  
in Rshev, 1942.



The Workshop Company  
(Panzer Regiment 1) in  
Rshev, August 1942. A  
Marder III of Panzerjäger  
Unit 37.



A 20mm AA gun of the  
1./AA Unit 83 in Rshev,  
August 1942.



General Krüger gets into his  
command tank near  
Sychevka, 9/12/1942.

Men of the bakery company;  
at the right front, Master  
Baker Ufer, at Rshev,  
summer 1942.







Military cemetery at  
Sychevka, summer 1942.



The band plays at Vyasma in  
1942.



The Workshop Company of  
K 1 at Rshev in 1942.



A downed Rata (Russian fighter plane), summer 1942.



A military bridge built by Panzer Engineer Battalion 37 is crossed by an SPW of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113, followed by a motorcycle courier, September 1942.



The GI of the Staff Company of Panzer Regiment 1 moves out along muddy roads with the protection of a Panzer III, November 1942.

At the front near Rshev is the 3./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1, with Gefreiter Peddie, Unteroffizier Werner and other comrades, December 1942.



Martsch and his SPW crew  
(Panzer Grenadier Regiment  
113) before the grain silo in  
Sychevka, December 1942.



A Panzer III of the Staff  
Company, II./ Panzer  
Regiment 1, with a GI truck  
in tow. In the turret is  
Schlösser, at right  
Schreckenber, at left two  
radiomen of the intelligence  
platoon, near Belyi, 1942.

A Panzer III (with long  
50mm KwK gun) of the  
8./Panzer Regiment 1 in the  
war zone east of Sychevka,  
December 1942.





SPW's of Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 make camp by  
the silo in Sychevka,  
December 1942.

A Panzer III of the Staff  
Company, II. /Panzer  
Regiment 1, in Sychevka,  
December 1942. At right is  
Ernst Vetter, beside him  
Schreckenberg.



An IL-2 shot down by the  
Light AA Unit 83 near  
Sychevka, December 1942.



Sychevka in winter,  
December 1942.



A small telephone troop of the 1./Intelligence Unit 37 with an old Vehicle 18. At left, *Obergefreiter* Pleschke, at right *Obergefreiter* Hasselbach. After the battle at Belyi, December 1942.



*Gefreiter* Hecker, Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1, in a trench near the civilian cemetery in Sychevka, December 1942.

A Panzer III of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 at Belyi, December 1942.



Light AA Unit 83 in the Rshev area, near the airfield. The AA guns are mounted on broad-gauge cars and used to keep the Russians at a distance, December 1942.





A propeller sled at Rshv,  
December 1942.



December 1942, Ahlback of  
Pz.Pi.Btl.37 plays chess at his  
last quarters. At left are  
Pietsch and Spörl, in the  
center is *Feldwebel* Flazeck.



## TRANSFER TO FRANCE

The division is withdrawn in  
December of 1942. In the  
railroad car are men of  
Panzer Engineer Battalion 37,  
*Unteroffizier* Windeck at the  
right front.



Staff Company men of the  
I./Panzer Regiment 1,  
Christmas 1942-43, with  
Raubold, Hahn,  
Kleinschmidt, Erwin Ruff,  
H. Löw and Eggenstein.

## 1943

This year brought a nine-month period of rest and refreshment in France and Greece. Only in the last two months was the division again fighting hard against enemy forces breaking through at the junction of Army Groups South and Center, action that continued (in the Schitomir) area) until the year ended.

To end April 1943: Division at refreshment zone in France (at Amiens, later Normandy and Brittany). Replacement personnel arrives.

As of May 1943: Transfer to northern Pelopenessus, Greece. Here reequipping, including Wespe and "Hummel", is finished.

June 1943: Reported fully ready for service.

September 1943: Disarming of Italian forces near Nauplia, transfer to Army Group South in Kirovgrad area begins.

11/15/1943: Under XXXXVIII. Panzer Corps, attacks on enemy forces that have penetrated German lines.

To end of 1943: Further combat around Zhitomir.

The Staff Company of the I./Panzer Regiment 1 (*Hauptmann von Krauss*) near Amiens (France), January 1943.



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### Operations of the 1st Panzer Division — November 1943 to May 1945

Members of A.R.73 in Paris; in the foreground, with goggles, is *Obergefreiter* Nicolei, spring 1943.



The 5./Panzer Regiment 1 at the Coetquidan Training Camp, February-March 1943. On the turret, with the white referee's headband, is *Leutnant* Reinhard.

Officers of the Panzer Grenadier Regiments and engineers of the 1st Panzer Division at the Coetquidan Training Camp, spring 1943. At right are Braun, von Wietersheim, Feig, Stiebler; at left Weber, Wendt.





Panzer Regiment I at  
Rennes, Brittany, February  
1943.



Panzer Grenadier Regiment  
113 with an SPW at the  
Coetquidan Training Camp,  
February to May 1943.



Inspecting an 88mm gun of  
the heavy unit, Panzerjäger  
525, at the Coetquidan  
Training Camp, spring 1943.

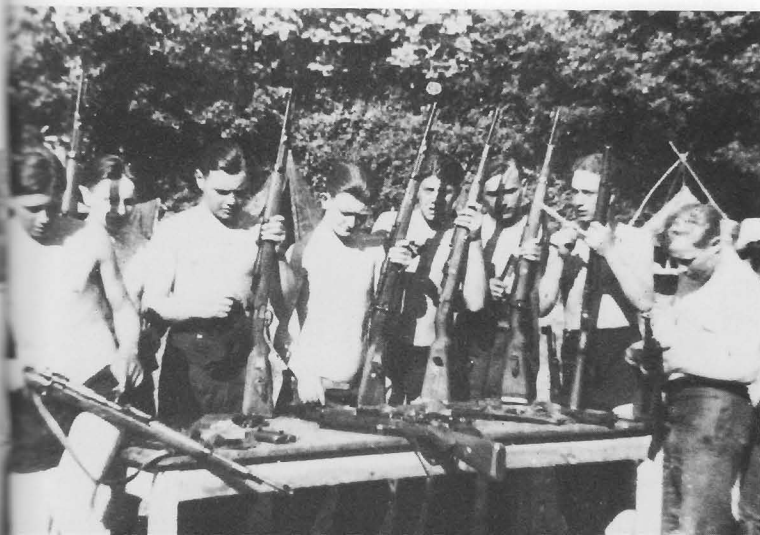
An amphibious craft of  
Panzer Engineer Battalion 37  
crosses a river near the  
Coetquidan Training Camp,  
spring 1943.





Instruction with the 88mm AA gun, which was also used as an antitank gun, heavy Panzerjäger Unit 525, Coetquidan Training Camp, spring 1943.

Members of the 7./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1, with *Hauptmann* Pöschke and platoon leader, singing near Syxt sur Aff, Brittany, May 1943.



The motorcycle platoon of the Staff Company, II./Panzer Regiment 1, cleaning guns, with Sommer, Stichel and other company members, near Rennes, spring 1943.

Time to sing after strenuous service for the 7./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1 (Syxt sur Aff, Brittany), May 1943. Köhler in the center.



Parts of the 7./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1 at SPW training in Syxt sur Aff, Brittany, with *Feldwebel* Elmar Gögen in the center, May 1943.

Training replacements for the 7./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1 in Brittany, May 1943.





A 75mm antitank gun of Panzerjäger Unit 37 on securing duty along the Channel, spring 1943.

A Panzer IV tank of the 5./Panzer Regiment 1, at the Coetquidan Training Camp, spring 1943.



The staff company of the I./Panzer Regiment 1 outside the base at Rennes in May of 1943, with *Hauptmann* von Krauss, Spiess Grüner, Bartel and Fransen.



Platoon Leader *Leutnant* Reinhard of the 5./Panzer Regiment 1 at Rennes, May 1943.





Tank crews of the Staff Company, I./Panzer Regiment 1, a gas alarm drill near Rennes, May 1943. From left, Fischer, Raubold, Schlösser, Wünsch, Kerschel, Riebenstahl and Kleinschmidt.

The non-commissioned officer corps of the 9. (heavy infantry (Sf))/ Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 at Toutlainville, Brittany, spring 1943. At left front, *Leutnant* Ellendorff (fell 8/1/1944 at Stary-Sambor, Galicia).



The 5./Panzer Regiment 1 takes a break at a town in France. The food is being brought in cooking pots. Spring 1943.

Officers of Panzer Regiment  
1 near the Channel coast,  
with a Steyr Type 1500  
Mannschaftswagen (Model  
41-42). G. Wolf, Schumann,  
L. Wolf, Cramer; May 1943.



Staff members of A.R.73 in  
France, taking a break with a  
bottle. At the right front is  
Nicolei.

Part of the Motorcycle  
Platoon of Panzer Regiment  
1 at Rennes before marching  
overland to Grafenwöhr, May  
1943.





Leutnant Bach, Spiess Roter and Feldwebels of the I./Panzer Regiment 1 in Grafenwöhr, equipped with new Panzer IV tanks, late August 1943.

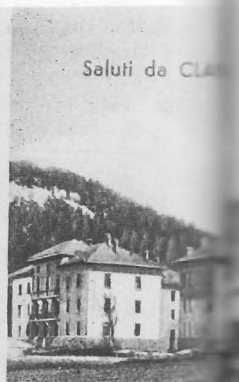
## TRANSFER TO AUSTRIA AND GREECE

The Staff Company of the I./Panzer Regiment 1 travels by rail to Austria, Italy, in August 1943. On the tank are *Feldwebel* Bornemann and Erwin Dörr.



Major E. Philipp (I./Panzer Regiment 1) with his shepherd dog near Trieste, September 1943.

A map of Austria, and a picture from Clana.

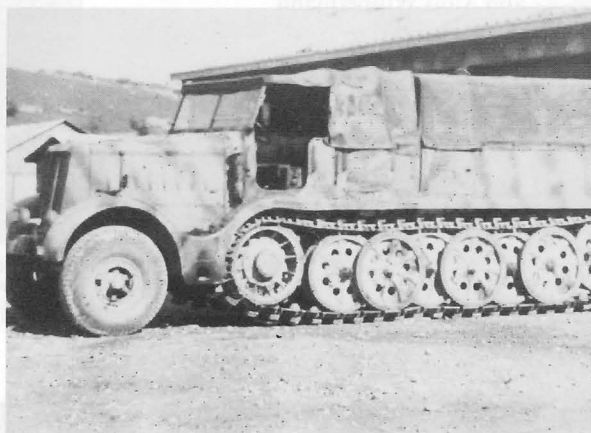


A flamethrowing tank (Panzer III) of the I./Panzer Regiment 1. At left, *Hauptmann* L. Wolf examines the ignition system.



A crane truck of the Tank Workshop Company of Panzer Regiment 1 in Castell Nuovo (Chief, *Hauptmann* Wolf), in Austria, September 1943.

An 18-ton towing tractor of the Tank Recovery Platoon at Castell Nuovo, September 1943.



A quadruple AA gun of the AA Platoon of the I./Panzer Regiment 1, in for repairs at Castell Nuovo, September 1943.





A reconnaissance platoon near Villa del Nuovoso. Back row: Wippermann, Kleinschmidt, Wattenbach, Funken. Front row: Riebenstahl, Kerschel, Schmidt, Hindrack, Feldweibel Bornemann. Early October 1943.

A Panzer IV tank with camouflage stretched over it. Crew 108 with Riebenstahl, Schmidt, Hindrack, Kerschel and Alois Wippermann (missing 1944) — Near Fiume, October 1943.



Leutnant von Kranhold (missing October 1944) with Bornemann, Pollinger, Dietrich, Clemenz, Wippermann, Krämmmer, Dörr, Brätz and Kuzowski, near Fiume, October 1943.

Leaders of the I-Echelons  
(cycles and tanks). Center:  
*Unteroffizier* Ludwig  
Schulze, *Feldwebel* Mertens  
and a tank mechanic of the  
Staff Company, I./Panzer  
Regiment 1, at Villa del  
Nuovoso, 1943.



Tank crew 106 of the A  
Platoon, Staff Company,  
I./Panzer Regiment 1  
cleaning guns near Fiume,  
Austria, October 1943. Left:  
Fritz Werner-Brätz, center:  
Kuzowski.



This pig was butchered by  
Erich Viehmann, Staff  
Company, I./ Panzer  
Regiment 1. Mertens, Brätz  
and Wattenbach look on at  
Villa del Nuovoso, October  
1943.

Left: A courier from the staff  
of Panzer Regiment 1,  
Kliebenstein. Right:  
*Oberleutnant* Cramer, 2nd  
Company, Panzer Regiment  
1, Fiume, October 1943.





Barber Schmieder of the  
Staff Company, Panzer  
Regiment 1.



Parnassos, Greece, July 1943.  
Up the mountain from the  
south in a sidecar motorcycle  
of Panzer Regiment 1.

Brake repairs for Tank 106,  
*Unteroffizier* Pollinger, A  
Platoon, Panzer Regiment 1,  
October 1943.



The writing-room car of the  
staff, I./Panzer Regiment 1,  
Toni Walter near Villa del  
Nuovoso, October 1943.



*Feldwebel Bornemann (fell early in 1945) Wippermann and Kerschel of Tank 105, Villa del Nuovoso.*



Kleinschmidt, Dörr, Wattenbach and Schmidt, A Platoon of Panzer Regiment 1, near Fiume.



Left: The 4./K 1 loading up in France on 5/14/1943.  
Right: Obrich, Workshop Company of K 1, with cooking utensils.





Pollinger and Clemenz with Tank 106 shortly before turning it over to the SS at Villa del Nuovoso, October 1943.

The Motorcycle Reconnaissance Platoon of I./Panzer Regiment 1; at right, Gefreiter Schramm, in the first car Löw and Rühberg, Italy 1943.

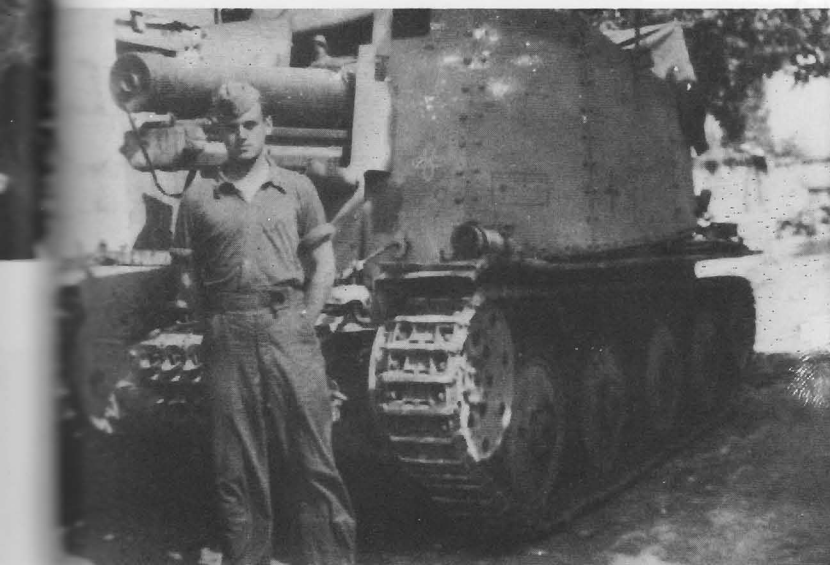


A tank of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1, *Feldwebel* Jakob near Fiume, October 1943.

A flamethrowing tank of Panzer Regiment 1 during combat near Clana, October 1943.



The 1./Pz.A.A.1 (ex-A.A. 4)  
in Greece in 1943. In the  
vehicle is *Unteroffizier*  
Csieslak; the officer with the  
map is *Hauptmann*  
Schönborn.



*Fahnenjunker* Vogt, gunner  
in "Bison H" of the 9th  
Heavy Infantry Gun  
Company of Panzer  
Grenadier Regiment 113 in  
Greece, 1943.

The medical Storch with  
members of the 2./Medical  
Company 81 at Nauplia,  
Greece, 1943.





An eight-wheeled scout car of the 1./A.A.1 on patrol by the Gulf of Corinth, Greece, 1943. In the vehicle is *Leutnant von Ostau*.

Farewell to Major Draeger (Panzerjäger Unit 37) in Nauplia, Greece in 1943. A Marder III, Type M, with 75mm antitank gun on a GW 38 (t).



The 6./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1 in Aigion, Greece, on 9/15/1943, watching for aircraft.



A BMW 750 with sidecar for *Obergefreiter Brand*, motorcycle courier of the 6./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 in Greece, 1943.

The 2./Panzer Engineer Battalion 37, *Obergefreiter* Ludwig, Bodenhausen, and their Opel Blitz halftrack in Greece, 1943.



A mobile library for the front in the Balkans, near Saloniki, 1943.

Free time on the beach at Saloniki, Greece, in 1943. Staff from the soldiers' home, with *Hauptmann* Pfitzer in the middle.







In the Balkans in 1943, firing drill for an anti-aircraft unit in Nauplia on 8/27/1943.

Farewell to Major Darger  
(Panzerflieger Unit 17) in  
Nauplia, Greece in 1943.  
Master III, Type M, w/  
15mm antiaircraft gun.

An SPW (short) Special Vehicle 251/1 of the 2./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113, on the Isle of Euboea in southern Greece, 1943. Henkel, Füchsel, Heil.



The 2. Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 in Argos,  
Greece, on 6.10.1943.  
Waiting for aircraft.



Men of Panzer Artillery Regiment 73 on donkeys near Nauplia in 1943; at left is Unteroffizier Nicoletti.

*Feldwebel* Rehbein,  
*Oberfeldwebel* Scherold, of  
the 9./Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113, with a 150mm  
heavy infantry gun (Bison) in  
Greece, 1943.



*Feldwebel* Reif and Schröder  
with a Panzer IV of the  
6./Panzer Regiment 1 in  
Pyrgela on the Peloponnese,  
June 1943.

In August of 1943 only a bath  
in the Mediterranean could  
cool them off. The first  
"bathers" came from Panzer  
Artillery Regiment 73. Here  
are members of the 4th  
Battery with fig leaves.



A Marder III of Panzerjäger  
Unit 37 in Argos, 1943.



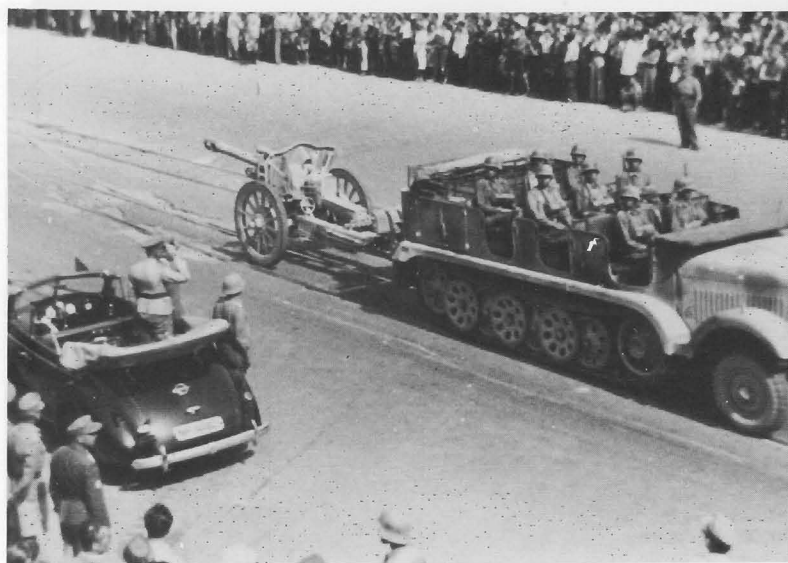
The 3./Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 1, *Neumeister von Kleist*, marches by in Patras,  
Greece, 1943.

Disarming the Italians at the  
code word "Adelheid" in  
Greece, 9/9/1943.





General Krüger and Major von Zitzewitz at a parade in Athens in the summer of 1943.



Artillery Regiment 73 with a light field howitzer, on parade in Athens, 1943.



Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1, with a Personnel Vehicle 15 (*Mannschaftswagen*), on parade in Athens, 1943.



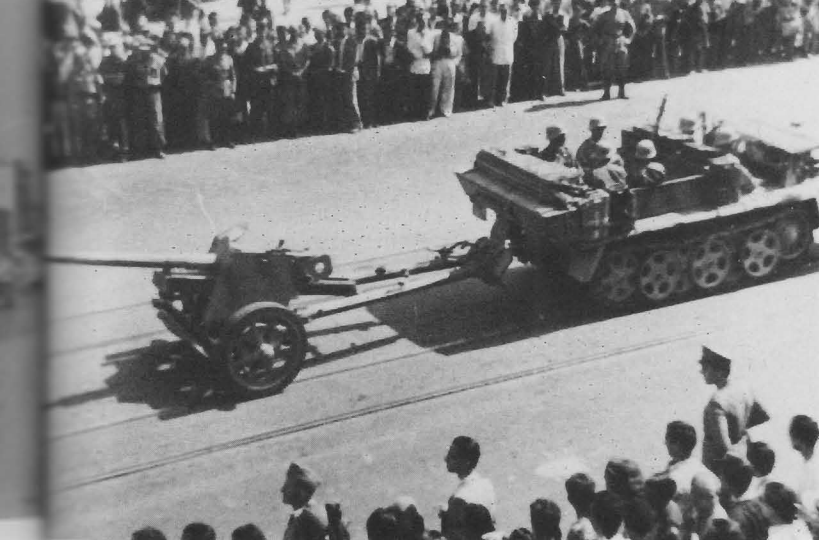
An SPW of Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 on parade in  
Athens, 1943.



Company I on parade in  
Athens, 1943.

The parade in Athens, 1943.  
Bisons pass through the  
center of Athens. General  
Krüger watches from an Opel  
Admiral convertible.





A 75mm antitank gun of  
Panzerjäger Unit 37 on  
parade in Athens, 1943.

*Obstandsmann von Ueckert  
leader of the Heavy Panzer  
Squad Platoon of A.A.I. Nr. 1*

*Hauptmann Staudte,  
6./Panzer Regiment 1 at the  
parade in Athens, 1943. Then  
the company was transferred  
to the Isle of Euboea.*



Chief's Replacement Vehicle  
601 (Panzer IV), the last unit  
in the Athens parade, late  
September 1943.



*Generalfeldmarschall Weichs examines defensive measures against air and sea landing at the isthmus, September 1943; at right is General Krüger.*

An SPW of the 2./Pz.Pi.Btl.37 at a medical station. Note the small bridge boom beside the fighting compartment. Greece, September 1943.



Technical service for a 75mm antitank gun of Panzerjäger Unit 37, Greece, 1943.

*Leutnant Hecker (6./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1) with a VW Kübelwagen Type 82 at Aigion, Greece in 1943.*



*Oberleutnant von Ostau as leader of the Heavy Panzer Scout Platoon of A.A.1. Note that umbrella antennas replaced the earlier frame antennas. A Special Vehicle 232 at the Gulf of Corinth, Greece, 1943.*



*With an Albanian on sentry duty in Albania, October 1943, is KOB Willi Haubach, Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1.*

*A "Hummel" 150mm armored howitzer on a Gw. III/IV of Panzer Artillery Regiment 73 in Greece, 1943.*







An SPW of the "Sauder"  
Unit at Sparta, Greece, 1943.

Retirement of *Oberstleutnant*  
von Grolmann (II. Unit,  
Panzer Regiment 1).



Crew 733's Panzer IV getting  
technical service, with  
*Feldwebel* Peesee, *Gefreite*  
Mohr, Cott and Judenmann,  
and *Unteroffizier* Jolm-  
Mitlacher, in Greece, July  
1943.



The clothing of the 7./Panzer Regiment I was not exactly uniform; they wore white linen shorts instead of khaki trousers in Greece, 1943.

An SPW with a 75mm 37/L (short) assault gun, Special Vehicle 251/9 of the 4th Heavy Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 on parade (Bradel Battle Group) in Athens, late September 1943.



The 1./Panzer Artillery Unit 1 (Chief *Hauptmann* von Schönborn) in Greece, 1943.

The band of Panzer  
Regiment 1 in Greece, 1943.



Members of the bridge  
column of Panzer Engineer  
Battalion 37 on the  
Peloponnese, Greece, 1943.

A Panzer IV of the II./Panzer  
Regiment 1 in Greece, 1943.





The Acropolis in Athens, Greece, 1943.



A recovery tank of Panzer Regiment 1 at Altengrabow, early November 1943.



The Panther tanks of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 ready for firing-in at Altengrabow, November 1943.





## TRANSFER TO RUSSIA (UKRAINE)

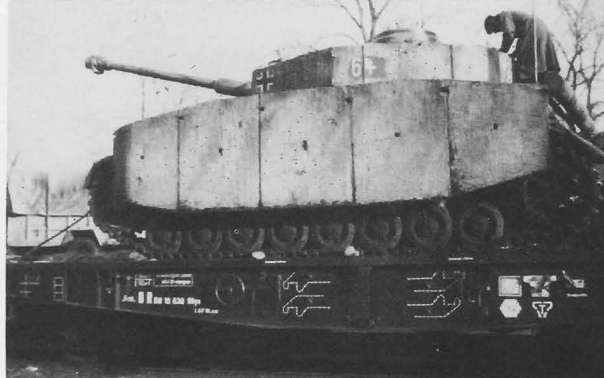
On 11/10/1943 the Panthers are loaded up for transport to Russia. At left is *Leutnant* Neumann, at right *Leutnant* Bach.

The band of the Staff Company, I./Panzer Regiment 1, at the railroad station in Rothensee, near Magdeburg, during transfer to the east, November 1943.



Spiess Voigt, 2./Panzer Regiment 1, after arriving in Fastov in 11/14/1943.

A Panzer IV of the 5./Panzer Regiment 1 at the assembly area near Kirovgrad, November 1943.

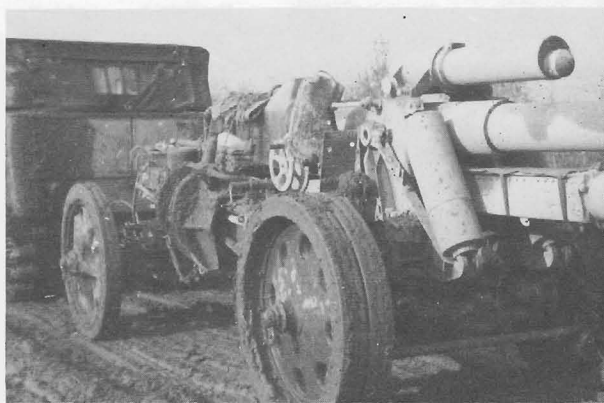


The bakery company bus in the Ukraine, mid-November 1943.



*Hauptfeldwebel Laves* (Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1) while unloading in the Kirovgrad area, November 1943. Later they marched northward toward Zhitomir.

Artillery Regiment 73 moves northward on very muddy roads. Here is a heavy field howitzer, November 1943.





Tank drivers of the 2./Panzer Regiment 1 in conference at the new combat area of Kasatin (southern Russia), mid-November 1943. Second from left: *Unteroffizier* Kersch.

Panzergrenadiers in new battle dress, here a grenade-launcher troop of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 in the Zhitomir area, November 1943.



A tripod-mounted MG 42, with swinging mantelet and aiming scope, of the 5./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 before Zhitomir, November 1943.

An Assault Gun 40 (Type G) with pig's-head mount, of Panzerjäger Unit 37 near Zhitomir, November 1943.



Behind the SPW is the command tank 101 (Commander Philipp in the turret); the SPW is from the Engineer Platoon of the Staff Company, I./Panzer Regiment 1. Standing is Limbacher. Before Korostychev, November 1943.

The Reconnaissance Platoon of the Staff Company, I./Panzer Regiment 1, before Zhitomir on 11/20/1943, with tanks 107, 108 and 106, plus an SPW with a frame antenna.







A Huppert signpost 2 km south of Zhitomir; at left, an eight-wheeler of A.A.1, November 1943.



A destroyed T-34 tank in a village on the railroad line near Korostychev, November 1943.



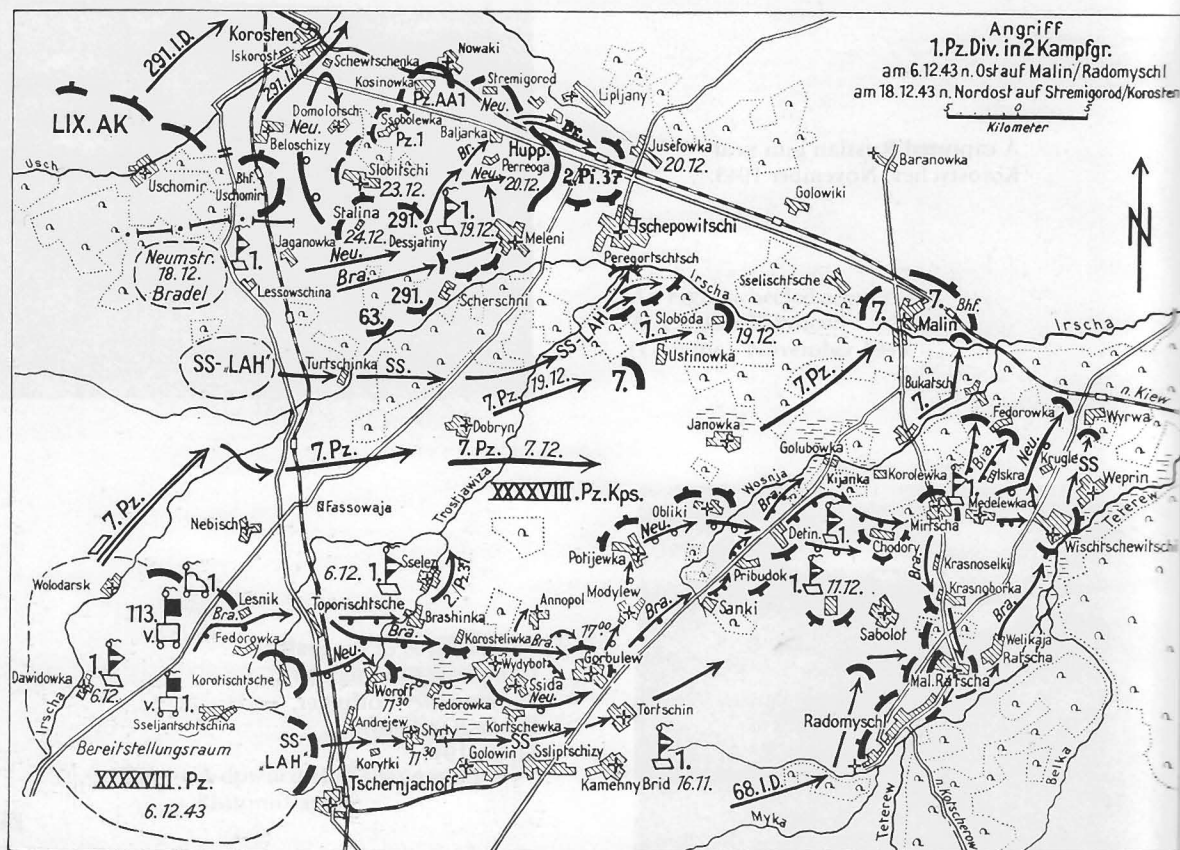
A captured Russian gun near Korostychev, November 1943.



Panzer V 106 of the Staff Company, Commander Unteroffizier Pollinger, before Kotcherovo, 11/21/1943.



Attack, 1st Panzer Division in 2 battle groups, on 12/6/43 east of Malin/Radomyshi, on 12/18/43 northeast of Stremigorod/Korosten.





Tank 107 of Staff Company I was shot from the rear in the night of 11/21/1943. No one knew from where the shot came. Seitz and Hans Töllen were fatally injured, Albert Jung wounded. The Pollinger crew before 107, with Werner, Schweinebraten, Krauss, Nolde and Guzowski.

An SPW of the Staff Company Engineer Platoon of the I./Panzer Regiment 1 has driven onto a mine near Gorbulev, early December 1943. At right is *Obergefreiter* Gruber.



*Oberfeldwebel* Schmerold and *Obergefreiter* Ortmann in Position B of the 9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 near Korosten, 12/18/1943.

A Panzer IV of the 6./Panzer Regiment 1 near Vinnitsa (Ukraine), December 1943.





A military cemetery near  
Korostychev, late November  
1943.



Former Commandant of the  
1st. Pz. Pi. Btl. 37, at horse  
inspection near Glogow, on  
12th Dec 1943.

Commandant of the 1st. Pz. Pi. Btl. 37, at horse  
inspection near Glogow, on  
12th Dec 1943.

*Hauptfeldwebel* Kreuter,  
1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37, at horse  
inspection. In the center are  
"Waggerl" Schmidt and  
Marschmann, Korostychev  
area, December 1943.



A surgeon of the 2./Medical  
Company 81 treats a  
wounded ear at night.





*Obergefreiter Schwinn*  
(Workshop Company 81)  
solders a radiator with a gas  
flame and tin bar near  
Vinnitsa in 1943.

A Panzer V of the 3./Panzer  
Regiment 1 after losing its  
barrel northeast of Zhitomir,  
December 1943.



An SPW of Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 near Zhitomir  
in December 1943.



A "Hummel" of Artillery  
Regiment 73 east of Korosten,  
12/24/1943.

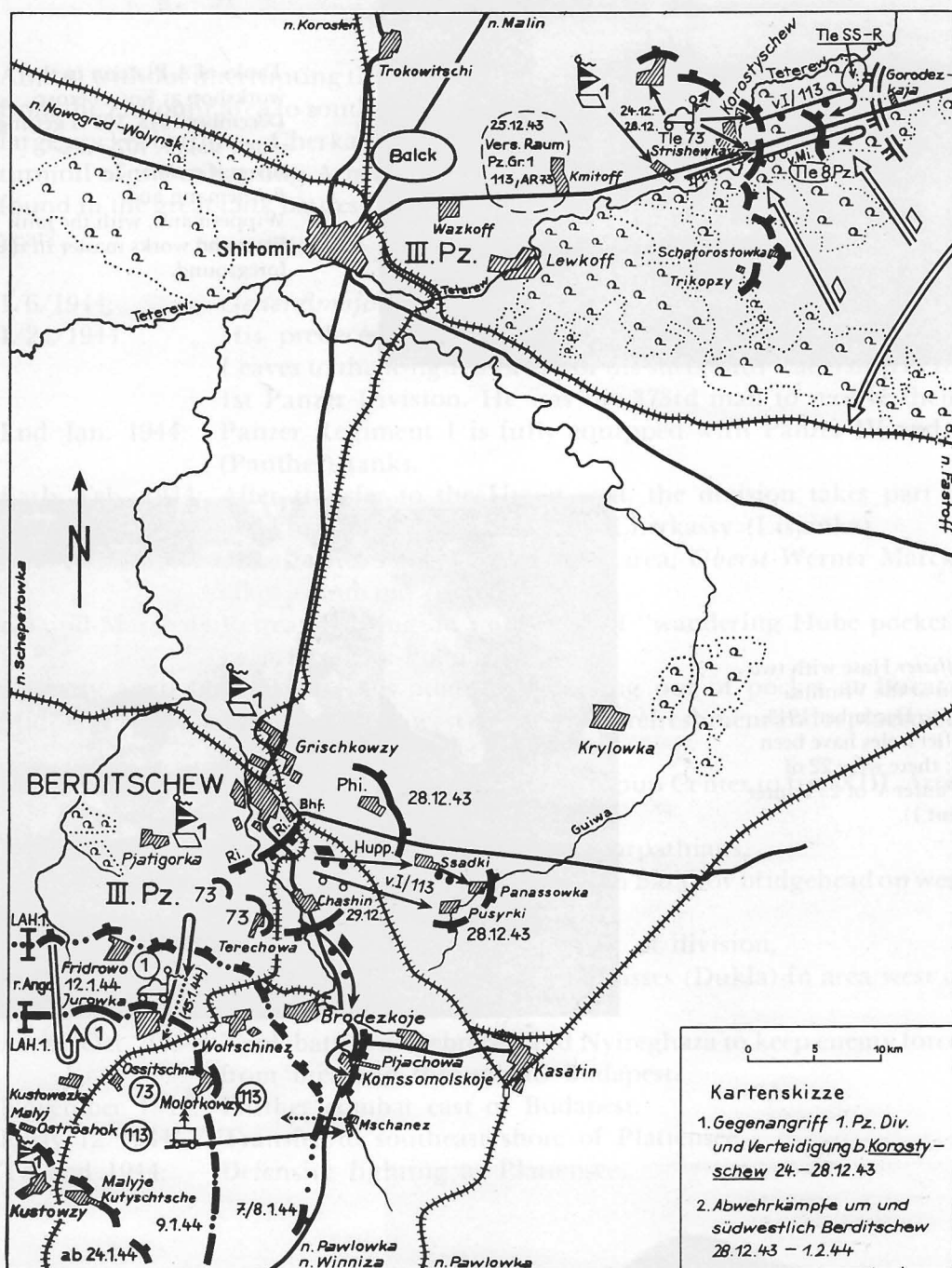
A German armored train at the Zhitomir railroad station, December 1943.



Near Korosten, Ukraine, December 1943; Chief *Oberleutnant* Ellendorf, *Oberfeldwebel* Schmerold, *Unteroffizier* Ludwig and *Obergefreiter* Theis eating pancakes (9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113).

A heavy field howitzer of Artillery Regiment 73 in firing position near Korosten, December 20, 1943.









Tanks of A Platoon in the workshop at Kotycherovo, December 1943. 105 is getting a new motor, 107 a new turret. Commander Bornemann and Wippermann, with the tank fitter and works master in the foreground.

*Unteroffizier* Hase with two crewmen at the Vinnitsa workshop, December 1943. The bullet holes have been marked; there were 22 of them (Panzer V of 2./Panzer Regiment 1).



The 9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113, SPW driver Karl Hölls, the Spiess at right, on the march to Korosten, December 1943.

## 1944

Almost without interrupting the hard fighting, the division withdrew, step by step, from the Zhitomir area to southwest of Budapest. In the process it took part in two large pocket battles — Cherkassy and Kamenez-Podolsk, then was involved in the turmoil of the collapsing Army Group Center, and at the end of the year it was found in the great tank battles on the Hungarian Puszta. It was a very hard, costly year!

- 1/6/1944: *Generalmajor* Koll takes command of the division.
- 1/24/1944: His predecessor, *Generalleutnant* Krüger, receives the Oak Leaves to the Knight's Cross for his successful leadership of the 1st Panzer Division. He was the 373rd man to receive them.
- End Jan. 1944: Panzer Regiment 1 is fully equipped with Panzer IV and V (Panther) tanks.
- Early Feb. 1944: After transfer to the Uman area, the division takes part in breaking out of the pocket at Cherkassy (Lisjanka).
- End Feb. 1944: Transfer to Staro Konstantinov area; *Oberst* Werner Marcks takes command of the division.
- To mid-March 44: Retreat fighting on north rim of "wandering Hube pocket": near Kamenez-Podolsk.
- To early April 44: Division leads attack in breaking out of pocket at Bucacz.
- Mid-April 1944: Transfer to area west of Tarnopol; refreshment and replacement there.
- Early July 1944: Combat at south end of Army Group Center to free XIII. Army Corps enclosed near Brody.
- End July 1944: Retreat fighting into eastern Carpathians.
- Aug-Sept. Hard defensive fighting at Russian Baranov bridgehead on west bank of Vistula.
- 9/19/1944: *Oberst* Thunert takes command of division.
- End Sept 1944: Transfer to defend Carpathian passes (Dukla) in area west of Grosswardein (Hungary).
- As of Oct. 1944: Tank battles at Debrecen and Nyireghaza to keep enemy forces from breaking through to Budapest.
- November 1944: Further combat east of Budapest.
- Early 12/1944: Transfer to southeast shore of Plattensee.
- To end 1944: Defensive fighting at Plattensee.

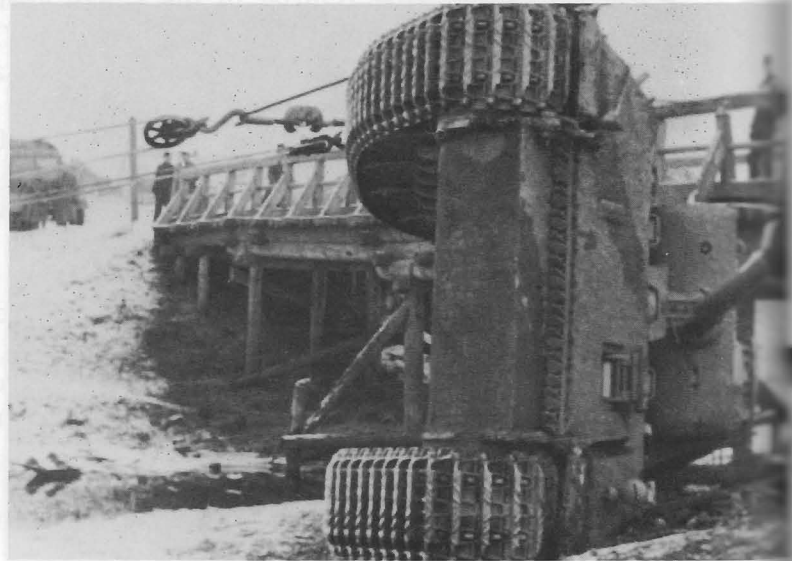
New Panther tanks are ready for the 1./Panzer Regiment 1 at Vinnitsa.



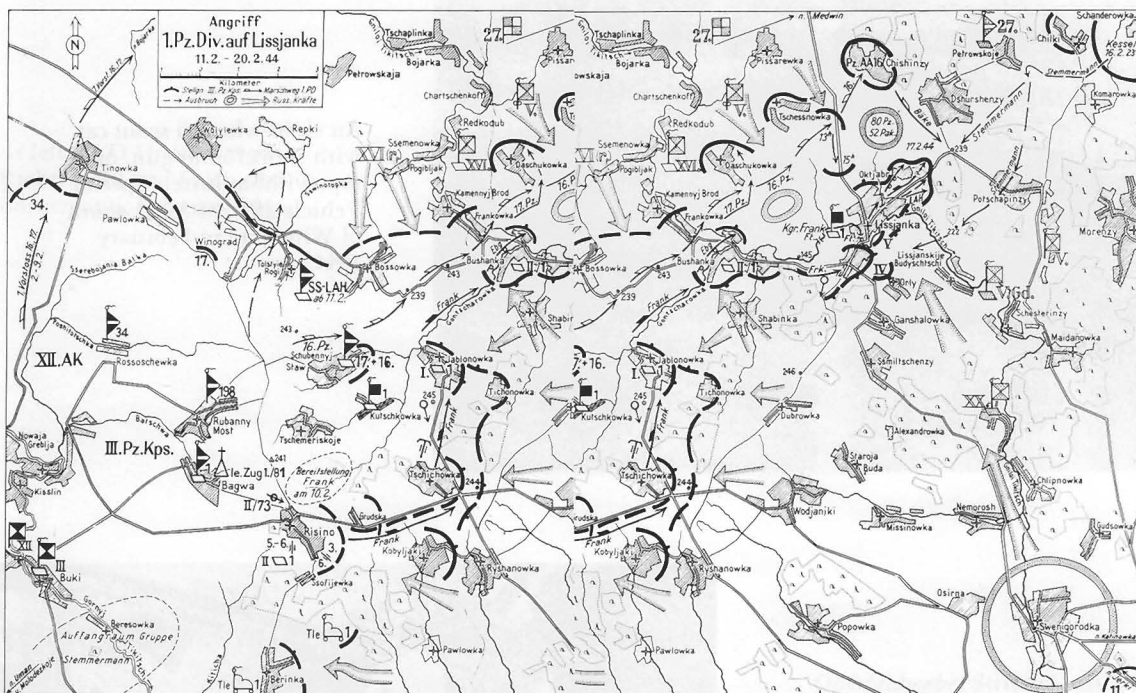


A crashed Panzer V of the  
1./Panzer Regiment I near  
Zhitomir, Görlich crew,  
February 1944.

Recovering the same tank.



Signposts on the road to  
Winograd, February 1944.



Attack of 1st Panzer Division  
on Lissjanka, 2/11-2/20/1944



## BREAKING OUT OF THE CHERKASSY POCKET

Radioman and observer of  
the 9./Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 report to fire  
control on shot values via  
UKW, February 1944.

A damaged T-34 tank near  
Lissjanka, February 1944.







An eight-wheeled scout car with short 75mm gun, open top, without turret (Special Vehicle 263), of A.A.1 south of Winograd in February 1944.

*Leutnant* Bach is wounded (mid-February 1944) in combat near Berdichev. In the background is a Kübelwagen of the 1./Panzer Regiment 1.



Command tank (102) of the 1./Panzer Regiment 1; Unit Commander *Hauptmann* Cramer (inset) was fatally injured on 2/16/1944. *Leutnant* Hille, as NO, badly wounded, likewise H. Schwarze. The tank driver was *Unteroffizier* Riebenstahl. Also seen are Werner Marschner and other men of the I-Staff.

At left NCO Hille, at right  
Riebenstahl and *Feldwebel*  
Bornemann, February 1944.



## Unteroffiziere entscheiden ein Gefecht



„Panzerfuchs“ Oberfeldwebel Strippel schöß 77 Feindpanzer ab

*Oberfeldwebel* Strippel was a  
member of the 4./Panzer  
Regiment 1.

NCO's decide a battle. "Tank  
Fox" *Unteroffizier* Strippel  
shot down 77 enemy tanks.

*Feldwebel* Jakob and  
*Unteroffizier* Hofmann  
(2./Panzer Regiment 1) at  
Berdichev, February 1944.



Panther 224 of the 2./Panzer  
Regiment 1 at Berdichev,  
February 1944.



Staff Surgeon Doctor  
Zöllner, 2./Medical Company  
81, during an operation.

Crews of the I./Panzer  
Regiment 1 pick up tanks  
from the Workshop  
Company of the I./Panzer  
Regiment 1 at Vinnitsa,  
February 1944.





At Vinnitsa the shoemaker  
has set up his workshop and  
is sewing up a  
"Knobelbecher" boot.  
Workshop Company (WK)  
3./81. February 1944.

The I-Echelon of WK 3/81 at  
Vinnitsa in February of 1944.



Parts of A.R.73 sinking in the  
mud near Shepetovka, March  
1944.





## IN THE KAMENEZ-PODOLSK POCKET

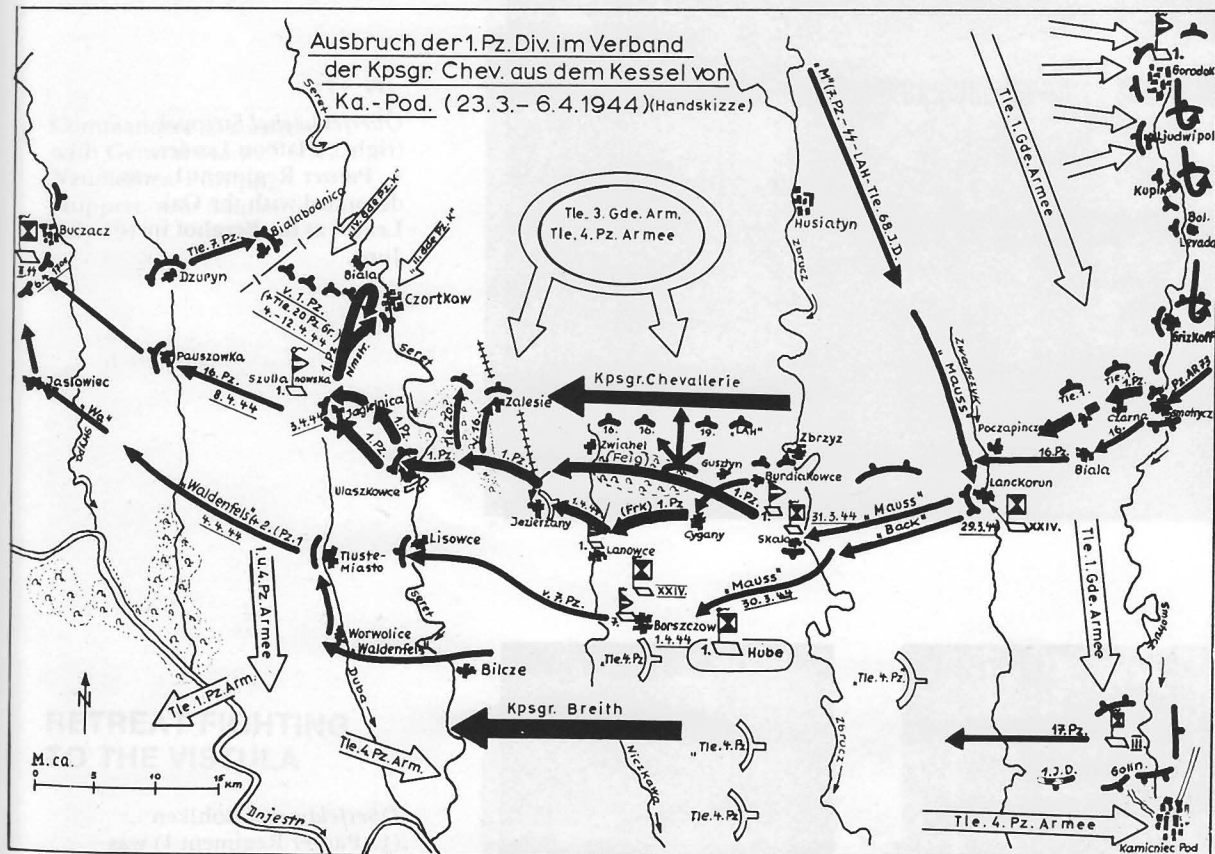
An 18-ton towing tractor from the recovery platoon of WK 1/Panzer Regiment 1 in the Shepetovka area, March 1944.



A recovery tank of WK 1/Panzer Regiment 1 at Proskurov, under the command of Kr.Ing. Beuschel, March 9, 1944.

Major Goldstein,  
Commander, Pz.N.Abt.37,  
was fatally injured near  
Smotrychovka (Hube pocket)  
on 3/30/1944.





Breakout of the 1st Panzer Division of Corps Chev from the pocket of Ka-Pod (3/23-4/6/1944), hand-drawn.

In the westward moving "Hube pocket" of Kamenez-Podolsk, the division was partially supplied from the air. Members of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 recover a parachute, end of March 1944.



Enemy propaganda was dropped all over the pocket, early April 1944.



*Oberfeldwebel Strippel (right), Platoon Leader, 4./Panzer Regiment 1, was decorated with the Oak Leaves at the Berghof in June.*



*Oberfeldwebel Bohlken (1./Panzer Regiment 1) was decorated with the Knight's Cross; at right is Oberfeldwebel Hans Strippel.*

Group picture of the officers of Panzer Regiment 1 at Erfurt, June 1944.



Commanders' discussion  
with General Marks,  
Neumeister, Philipp,  
Huppert, near Sambor in  
July 1944.



## RETREAT FIGHTING TO THE VISTULA

*Oberstleutnant von Trotha,*  
Commander, Panzer  
Regiment 1 (who fell near  
Tarnopol) on July 15, 1944.



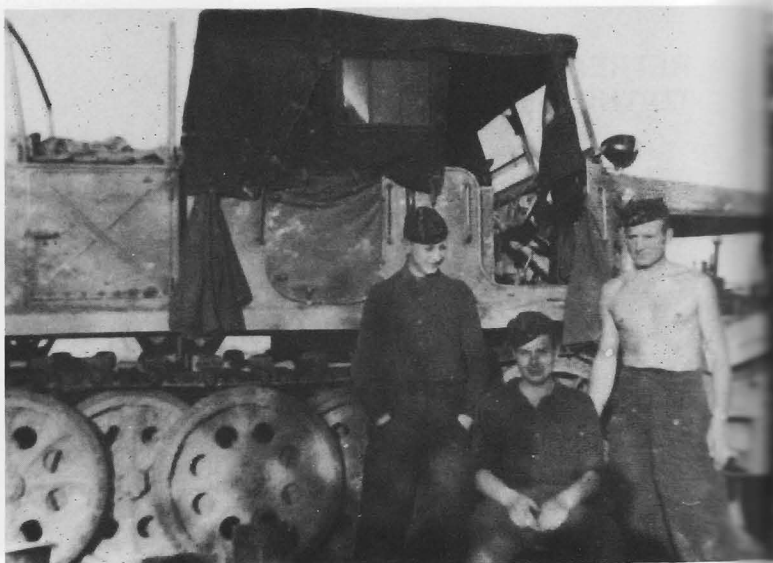
*Unteroffizier Arthur Dickel*  
with Tank 415 of the  
4./Panzer Regiment 1 on the  
march to the foothills of the  
Carpathians, seen here near  
Sanok on 9/8/1944.



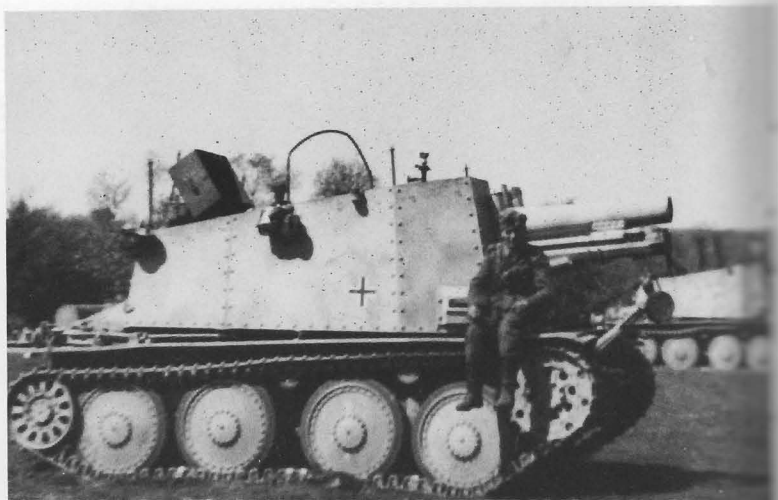


A bridge collapsed under this Panzer V of the 4./Panzer Regiment 1 with Arthur Dickel (inset) at 10:30 P.M near Sanok in November 1944. He was fatally injured. The driver was Kurt Möller.

Men of the Recovery Platoon of WK 1, Panzer Regiment 1, with an 18-ton towing tractor in the Sanok area, August 1944.



A Bison heavy infantry gun of the 9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 near the Dukla Pass, September 1944.





*Fahnenjunker-Feldwebel*  
Borgmann, 9.(heavy infantry  
gun)/Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113, watching from  
a camouflaged command  
SPW at Sambor, August  
1944.



A scout troop of the  
7./Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 under cover at  
a road cut near Sanok in  
September 1944.

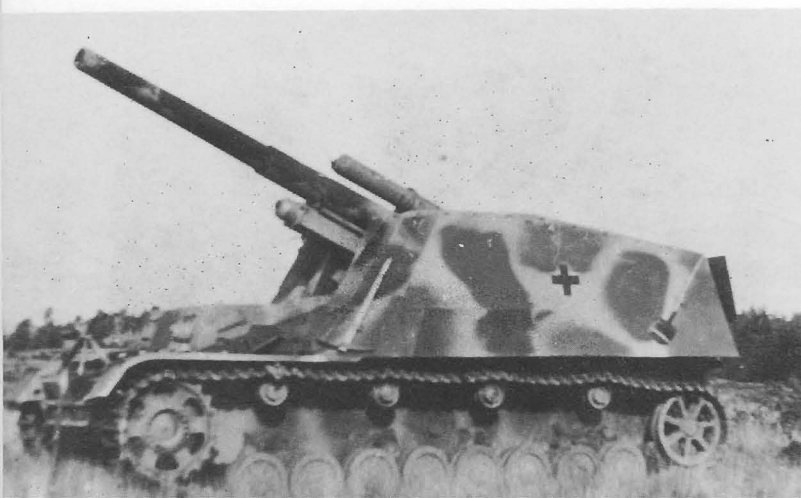
150mm ("Hummel") guns of  
Artillery Regiment 73 on the  
march to Sanok in the  
foothills of the Carpathians,  
September 1944.





An SPW of the Engineer Platoon, Staff Company I./Panzer Regiment 1, in the Carpathian foothills near Sanok, summer 1944.

A Panzer V of the 4./Panzer Regiment 1 (Chief *Oberleutnant* Hagen) before the Dukla Pass, September 1944.



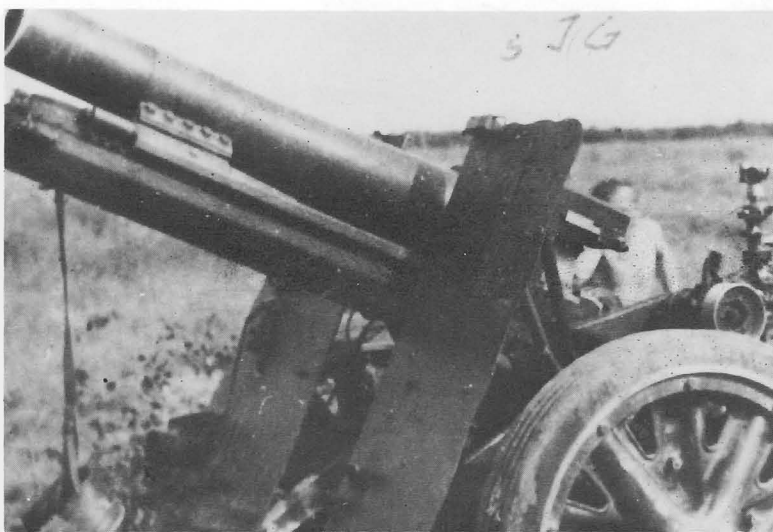
A self-propelled 150mm gun of A.R.73 in firing position at the Dukla Pass, September 1944.

Welcome additions to troop provisions for WK/81 at the Dukla Pass, 1944.

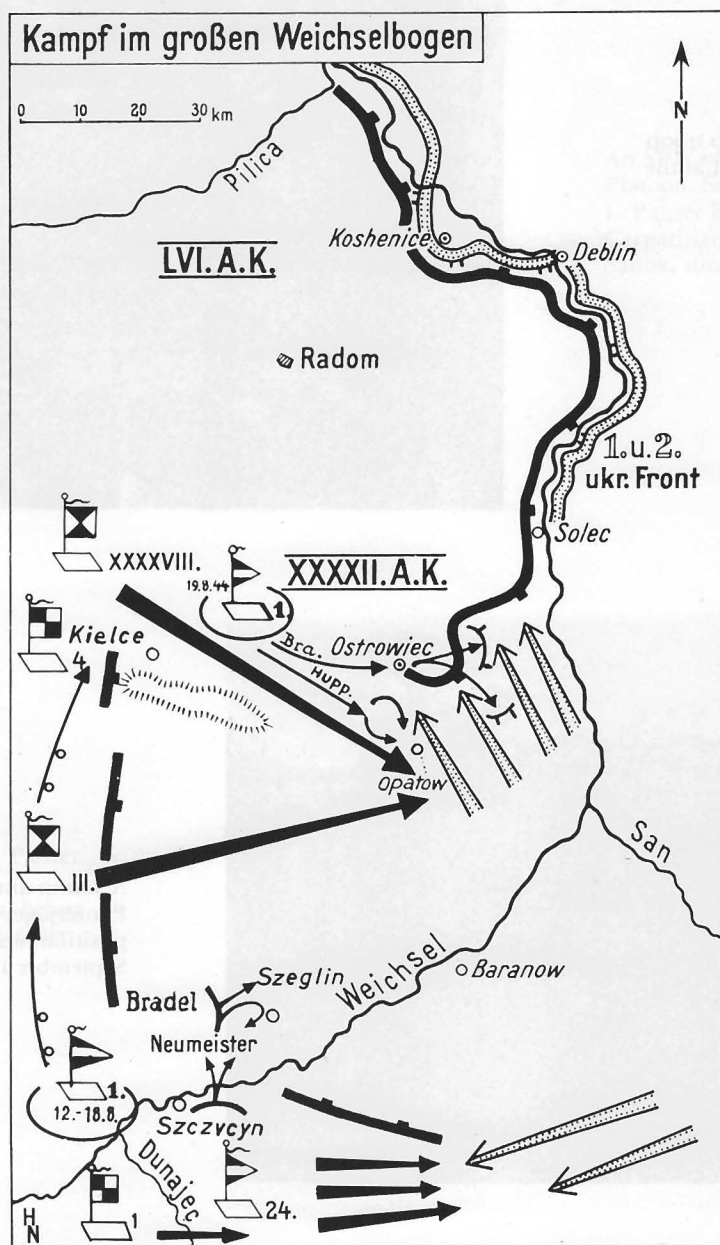


A 75mm antitank gun of Panzerjäger Unit 37 in firing position near Sanok, September 1944.

A heavy infantry gun.





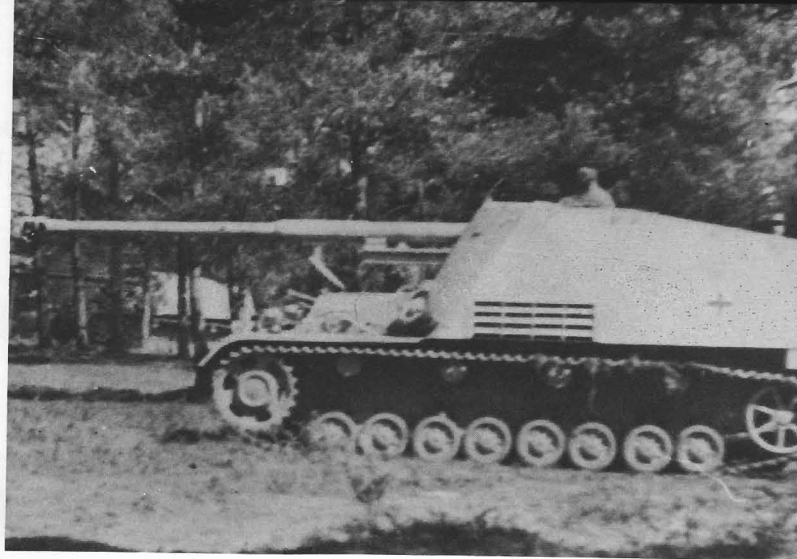


Battle in the Big Bend of the Vistula

A light field howitzer of the  
4th Battery of Artillery  
Regiment 73 at the big bend  
of the Vistula, summer 1944.



Hornisse (also called "Nashorn"), an 88mm antitank gun on Gw III/IV, of Panzerjäger Unit 37 near the Dukla Pass in September of 1944.



An eight-wheeled scout car of Panzer Reconnaissance Unit 1 (*Hauptmann Koehler*) east of Gora on 9/14/1944.

A Bison with heavy infantry gun of the 1st Platoon, 9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113, on the march to its firing position near Lysa-Gora on 9/14/1944.





A light field howitzer of Artillery Regiment 73 in firing position near Krosnow, September 1944.

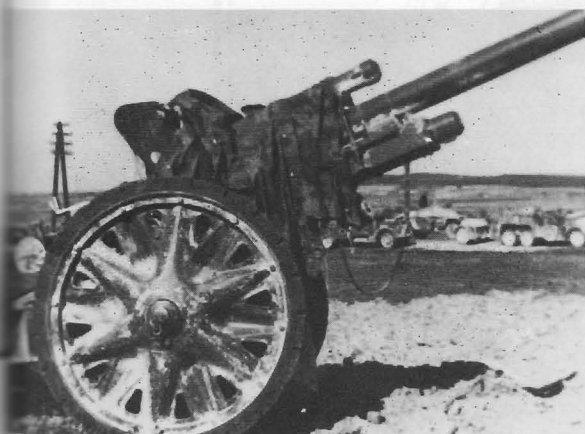
## TRANSFER TO HUNGARY, FIGHTING AT BUDAPEST AND THE PLATTENSEE

Parts of Artillery Regiment 73 crossing the Vistula at the Big Bend, September 7, 1944.



Panzer Command Car 101 with Major Philipp (inset) in the turret at Grosswardein, late September 1944.

A Marder III (Type M) of  
Panzerjäger Unit 37 near  
Debrecen, Hungary,  
September 1944.



A light field howitzer of  
Artillery Regiment 73 near  
Debrecen, September 1944.



Riflemen of Panzer  
Grenadier Regiment 113 in  
the Debrecen area, September  
1944.

A Panzer V of the 1./Panzer  
Regiment 1 after the tank  
battle in the Grosswardein-  
Debrecen area, October 8,  
1944.



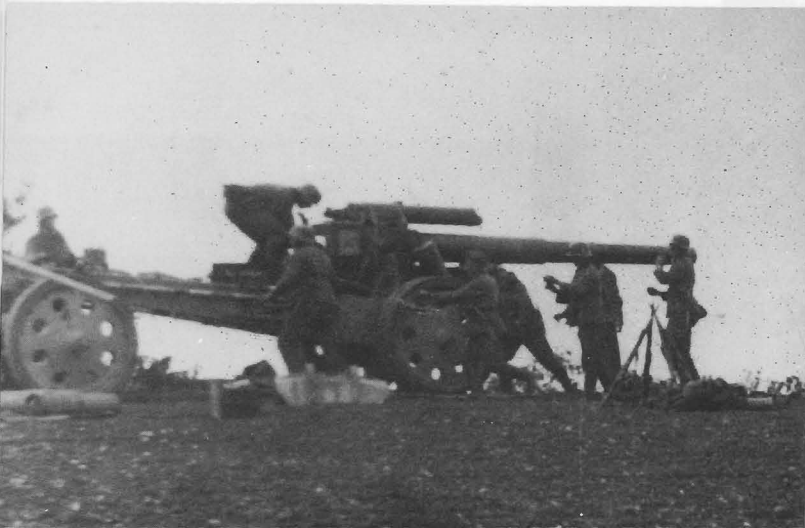




An eight-wheeled scout car and assault gun near Grosswardein-Debrecen, October 1944.

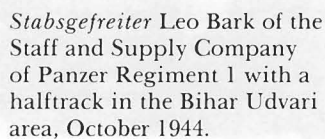
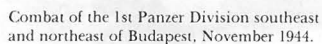
# TRANSFER TO HUNGARY, FIGHTING AT BUDAPEST AND THE PLATTENSEE

An 88mm anti-aircraft gun and towing tractor in the Berettyo-Ujfalú area on Hungary, October 1944.



A heavy field howitzer of Artillery Regiment 73 is placed in firing position near Berettyo-Ujfalú, October 1944.

## November 1944



A black and white portrait of a young man in a military uniform. He is wearing a peaked cap and a jacket with visible buttons and insignia. The image is grainy and appears to be a reproduction from a document.

# EHRENBLATT

DER 1. PANZER-DIVISION

## Die 1. Kompanie Pz.Pi.Btl.37

unter Führung des

## Leutnant Günther

warf am 8.12.1944 im schneidigen Gegenangriff den in Polgard eingedrungenen Feind in harten Häuserkämpfen auf die alte H.K.L. zurück, brachte dabei 60 Gefangene ein und erbeutete 8 Pak, 40 Fahrzeuge und etwa 100 Pferde.



Günther.

In Uniform den 27.12.1944

Leutnant Günther (1./Pz.Pi.Btl.37) received the "Honorary Document" of the 1st Panzer Division at Polgardy on 12/8/1944.



Panzer V and Panzer IV (background) tanks in the workshop at Hajmasker. In the foreground are Rettich, Wilmsen, Mörch, Breschnitz and Richard de Bur of the 6./Panzer Regiment 1, early January 1945.

Command Tank 965 of the 1st Unit, Panzer Regiment 1, at Nadasladany on 12/24/1944; with Clemenz in front and Stingel (radioman) above.





*Oberstleutnant Huppert  
(Commander, Panzer  
Grenadier Regiment 1) with  
Leutnant F.C. Hecker (Asst.  
Adjutant) near Orkeny-  
Budapest on 10/4/1944.*

*A Panzer V tank of the  
4./Panzer Regiment 1 (Chief  
Oberleutnant Hagen) at  
Urhida on 12/22/1944.*



*The Bradel command post  
near Polgardi on December  
22, 1944. At right is Martsch  
of Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 with his SPW.*



*Oberleutnant Hecker (left),  
Major Huppert (right), of  
Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1  
near Stuhlweissenburg,  
December 1944.*





*Oberst Bradel and Leutnant Teckenburg (in the SPW), Major von Seidlitz standing outside, in the Plattensee area of Hungary at the end of December 1944. (Oberst Bradel commanded a battle group.)*



*Generalmajor Thunert, Commander of the 1st Panzer Division, in Hungary, December 31, 1944.*

Members of the 9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 111 at Tarnopol, 1944.





## 1945

After further combat between Budapest and the German border, the last battle took place in Styria. After that the leadership was able to guide the division to be taken prisoner by U.S. forces.

To mid-March 45: Combat west of Budapest.

To early April 45: Retreat fighting to Reich border, Burgenland.

To war's end 45: Combat on the march via Leoben to Upper Bavaria; here the division, on orders from its last commander, surrendered to U.S. forces at Mauerkirchen.



*Oberfeldwebel Hennes Stöhr of the 6./Panzer Regiment I on his damaged Panzer IV, near Plattensee, early 1945.*

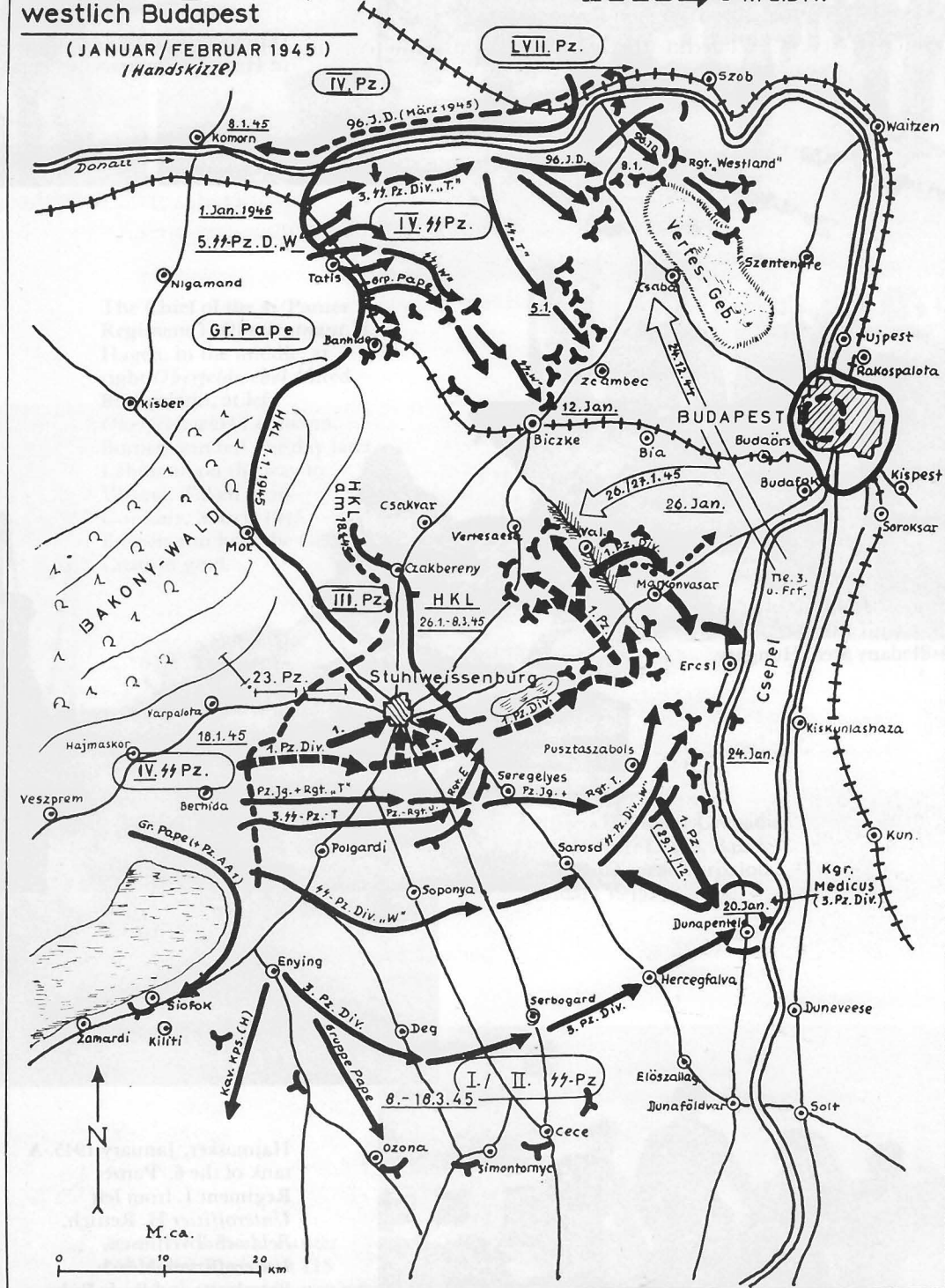
Fuel and ammunition truck drivers of the 1st Unit of Panzer Regiment I wait for a supply train in Hungary (Varpalota depot), January 1945.



( JANUAR / FEBRUAR 1945 )  
( Handskizze )

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Attack and defensive combat of the 1st Panzer Division (IV. Panzer Corps) west of Budapest — January-February 1945.





Hajmasker military cemetery  
in Hungary, January 1945.

An armored scout car of  
Artillery Unit 1 in the  
Nadasdladany area, Hungary.



Hajmasker, January 1945. A  
tank of the 6./Panzer  
Regiment 1, from left  
*Unteroffizier* H. Rettich,  
*Feldwebel* Wilmsen,  
*Unteroffiziere* Mörch,  
Breschnitz and R. de Buhr.



The Chief of the WK 1 of Panzer Regiment 1, *Hauptmann* L. Wolf, and at right, *Leutnant* G. Wolf of the 1st Unit of Panzer Regiment 1, at Varpalota, January 1945.

The Chief of the 4./Panzer Regiment 1, *Oberleutnant* H. Hagen, in the middle; at right *Oberfeldwebel* Alfred Bornemann, at left *Oberfeldwebel* Lehmann. Bornemann fell one day later, Lehmann on the way to Vienna. Taken near Gordony, March 1945. Bornemann held the German Cross in gold.



Officers of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1: Lösch, Bauer and Braun, near Varpalota, January 1945.

An SPW of the 1./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 guards the assembly area near Polgardi. It will soon be time to attack (2/10/1945).





Repaired SPW's roll ahead along with the supply train of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 and guard it simultaneously. Agard, Hungary, January-February 1945.

Tank repairs in Varpalota, 1944-45; 6./Panzer Regiment 1, with Müller, de Buhr and Kaufhold.



Officers of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1 in Hungary, February 1945.

An armored scout car of  
Artillery Unit 1 at  
Hajmasker, February 1945.  
The men's contact with the  
Hungarian population was  
very friendly.



Members of Panzer Engineer  
Battalion 37 in Hungary,  
February 1945. At the pump  
is *Obergefreiter* Kehrel.

An 18-ton towing tractor of  
the Recovery Platoon, WK 1,  
Panzer Regiment 1, at  
Hajmasker, February 1945.





Combat plans being made in  
Panzer Grenadier Regiment  
1: Poerschke, Huppert,  
Thunert, Heinle, Count  
Zech, near Polgárdy,  
Hungary, February 1945.

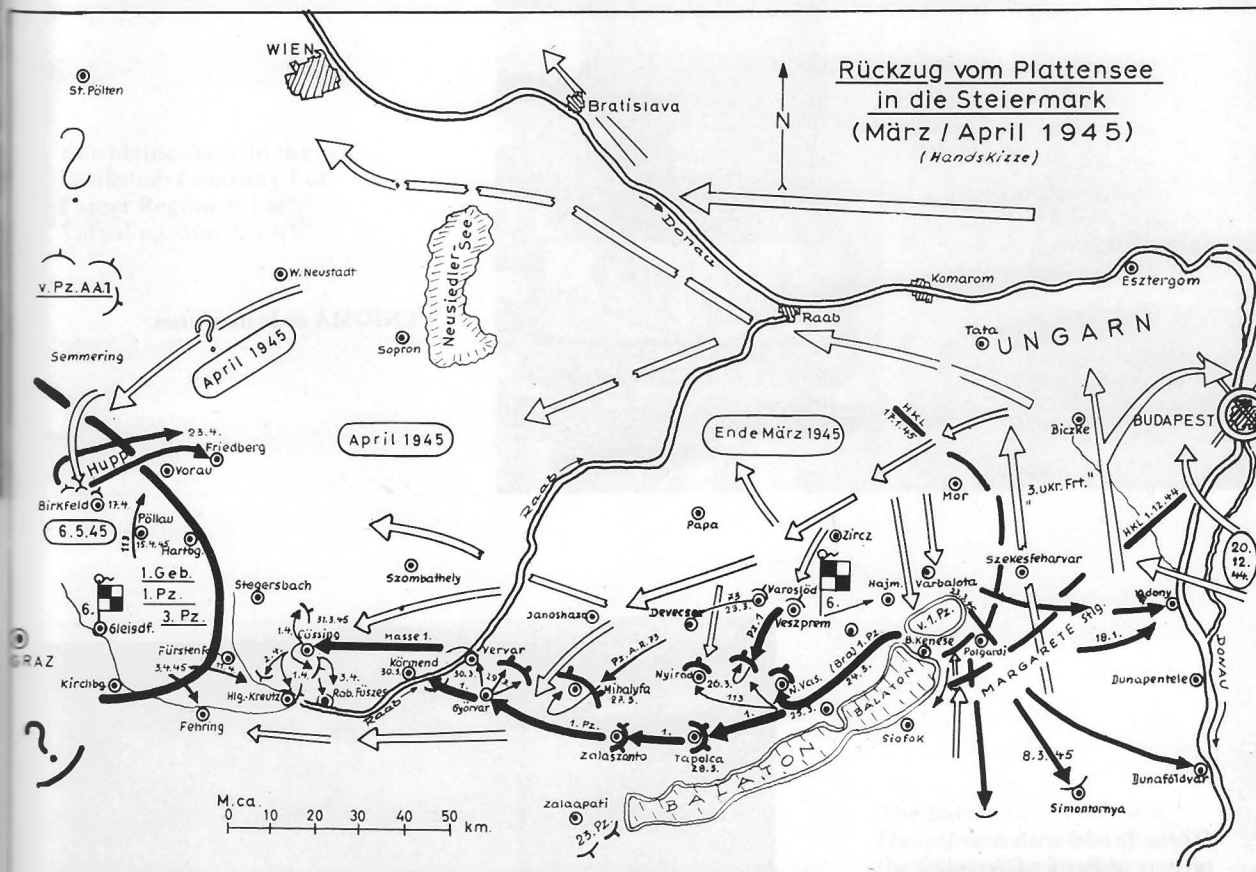


Bakers of the Bakery  
Company cutting wood for  
the ovens, Varpalota,  
February 1945.



Military cemetery in  
Varpalota, Hungary,  
February-March 1945.





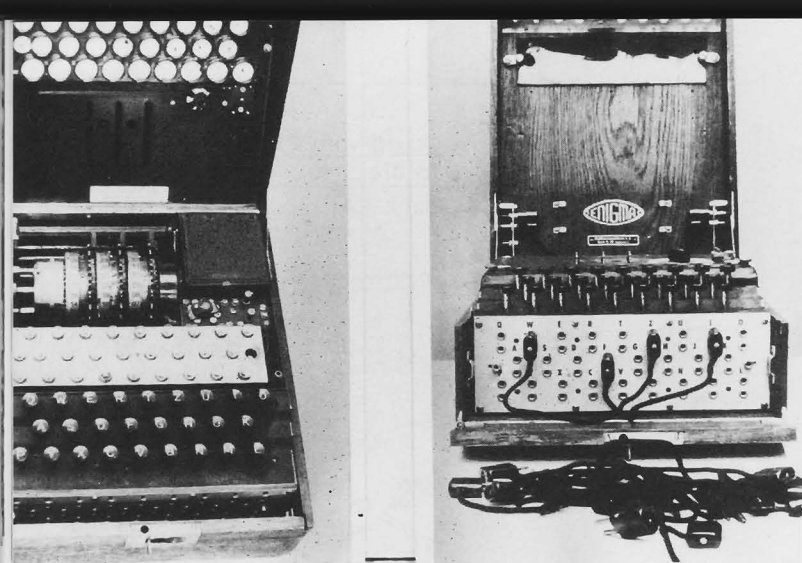
Retreat from the Plattensee into Styria  
(March-April 1945)



Driver *Obergefreiter*  
Knobloch and Tank Driver  
Hosbach (left); behind them  
the vehicle of the Unit  
Commander, 1st Unit, Panzer  
Regiment 1, north of  
Veszprem, Hungary,  
February 26, 1945.

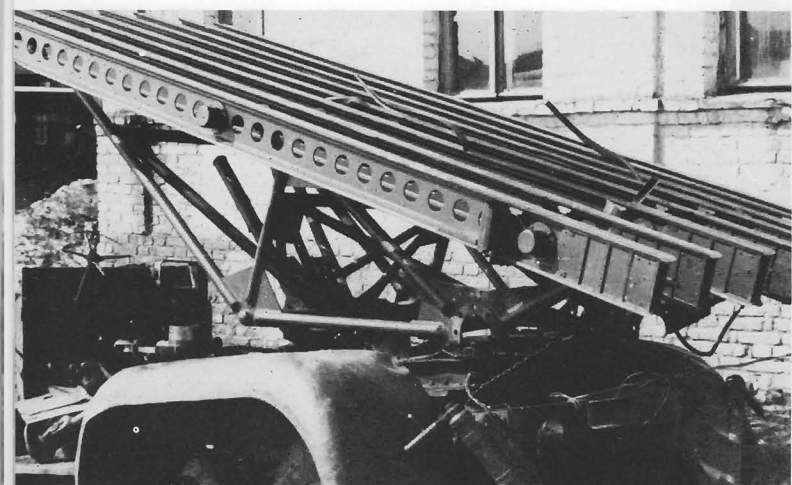
From left to right,  
*Oberleutnant* Winkler,  
*Leutnant* Grome of the  
1./Intelligence Unit 37, and  
*Oberleutnant* Stöter,  
Company Chief, 2. Panzer  
Intelligence Unit 37, at  
Seregelyes, Hungary, March  
1945.





ENIGMA code machines.

*Oberst Bradel with his  
officers of Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 in Hungary,  
March 1945.*



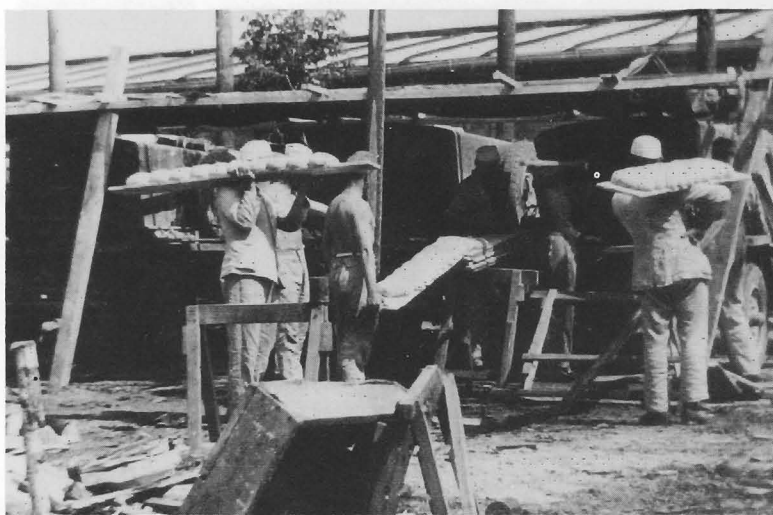
A destroyed "Stalin Organ."

Butchering cattle in the  
Workshop Company 1 of  
Panzer Regiment 1 at  
Varpalota, March 1945.



The Bakery Company with  
*Hauptfeldwebel* Schmidt and  
the Chief of the Butcher  
Company at Veszprem,  
March 1945.

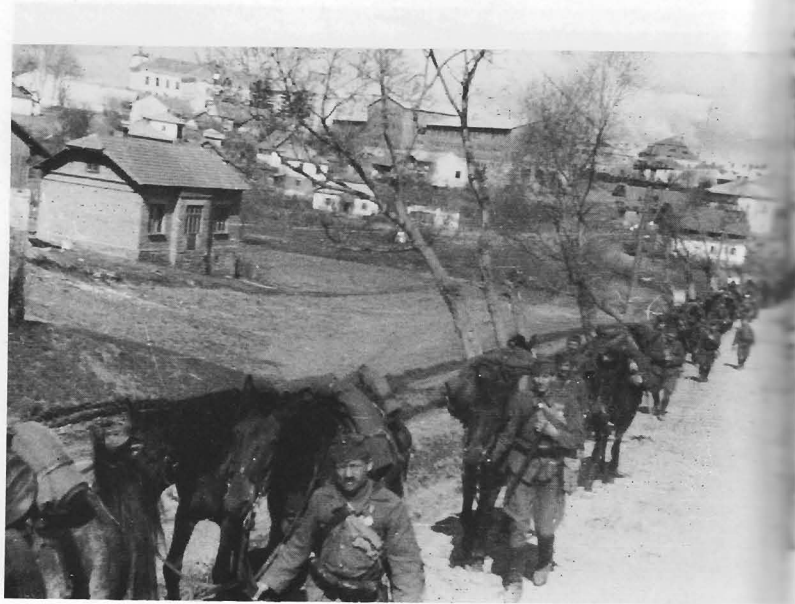
The Bakery Company at  
work in Hungary, March  
1945.







Men of the Bakery Company,  
Hungary, March 1945.



A Hungarian unit retreats,  
Hungary, 1945.



A new Panzer IV with tank  
riflemen of the 6./Panzer  
Regiment 1 in Hungary,  
spring 1945.

A Panzer V of the 1./Panzer  
Regiment 1 with Heppe, Keil  
and Höhmann, near  
Hajmasker, March 1945.



Panzer Grenadier leaders of  
the 1st Panzer Division, from  
left to right, OTL von  
Seidlitz, *Oberst* Bradel and  
*Oberst* Neumeister.

An SPW of Panzer Grenadier  
Regiment 113 in Hungary,  
spring 1945.





## RETREAT FIGHTING TO THE GERMAN BORDER

Tank men of Panzer  
Regiment I with the oak leaf  
on their caps, 1945.

Members of Panzer  
Intelligence Unit 37 with  
their VW Kübelwagen near  
Seregellyes, March 1945.



New Panzer V tanks for the  
4./Panzer Regiment I near  
Plattensee in March 1945.

*Obergefreiter Kurt Möller,  
4./Panzer Regiment 1, stands  
before a new Panzer V near  
Gardony, Hungary, 1945.*



*Men of the Workshop  
Company 1 of Panzer  
Regiment 1 in Varpalota,  
1945; at left Eugen  
Kussmentschenko, I-Echelon,  
4./Panzer Regiment 1, with  
welding torch.*

*A T-34 tank in the Erfurt  
garage of the Replacement  
Unit of Panzer Regiment 1,  
set up for demonstration,  
1945.*







## RETREAT FIGHTING

Quadruple flak guns of the AA Platoon, Staff Company, 1st Unit, Panzer Regiment 1 in Hungary, March 1945. Driver Tross is at left.

Tank men of Panzer Regiment 1 with the 4th tank in the field, 1945.

A crash-landed Heinkel 111 — Hungary, 1945.



Tank men of the 6./Panzer Regiment 1 play a game of skat at their quarters: Ribbe, de Buhr, Eilmsen, Schreiber and Weimar.

Panther tanks of the  
4./Panzer Regiment 1 leave  
the assembly area near the  
Valencze See, March 14, 1945.



Men of the 1./Panzer  
Engineer Battalion 37; second  
from left, *Obergefreiter*  
Kehrel; in the  
Stuhlweissenburg area,  
Hungary, 1945.

A self-propelled 150mm  
"Hummel" of Artillery  
Regiment 73 in the  
Stuhlweissenburg area,  
March 1945.





At right, *Hauptfeldwebel* Lorenz, 2./Medical Company 81, at the hospital tent in Liter, Hungary, March 1945.



A 75mm antitank gun of Panzerjäger Unit 37 waiting for Russian tanks at the Valencze See, March 18, 1945.

Rehbein's gun of the 1st Platoon, 9.(heavy infantry gun)/Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 in firing position west of Gardony, March 1945.



A mobile crane of the Workshop Company 1, Panzer Regiment 1, at Varpalota, March 1945.



The command post of Major Oldrogge (AA Unit 299); at right next to him, *Hauptmann* Köhler of Artillery Unit 1 and Major Huppel.



The command post of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 near Urhida, Hungary, 1945.





Only a heap of scrap metal remains of a tank, Hungary 1945.

Command tank of the 1st Unit, Panzer Regiment 1; Commander *Hauptmann* Elisa (upper left) fell at the Stuhlweissenburg airfield near the command post of *Oberleutnant* Fink (Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113) when his tank was hit on the left side of the turret on 3/21/1945. The driver was *Unteroffizier* Riebenstahl (upper right).



An SPW of the 9./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113. Second from left, seated, *Unteroffizier* Friedrich. Under the open hatch can be read "Maschin kaputt" (machine broke down). A crewman points to it. (Earlier photo from 1944.)

A tank of Panzer Regiment 1 in the workshop at Hajmasker, March 1945, with Körber, Horn, Höhmann and other ordnance men.



A scout car of Panzer Reconnaissance Unit 1 at Polgárdy, Hungary, March 1945.

An 88mm gun of Anti-Aircraft Unit 299 in firing position near Stuhlweissenburg, 1945.



Non-commissioned officers  
of Staff Company 1, Panzer  
Regiment 1 at Liter, March  
1945. Heinze, Gerber,  
Steinbrück, Fischer, Würtig,  
Knobloch, Kuzawski, Fenner.



A Panther tank of the  
4./Panzer Regiment 1 near  
Stuhlweissenburg, March  
1945, with Rosental and  
Schulmayer.



Tank men of the 4./Panzer  
Regiment 1; after the gun  
was cleaned, they took a  
drink from the bottle;  
Hungary, March 1945.



A Fieseler Storch as the division's courier plane, Hungary 1945.

A "Hornisse" of Panzerjäger Unit 525 in the Stuhlweissenburg area, March 1945.



The Engineer Platoon of the 1./Panzer Regiment 1 at Falubattyan, March 1945.





*Unteroffizier Weimar (sitting on the turret) with a Panzer IV of the 6. Panzer Regiment 1, spring 1945.*



*An artillery towing tractor, Hungary 1945.*

*Radioman Pein of Artillery Unit 73.*



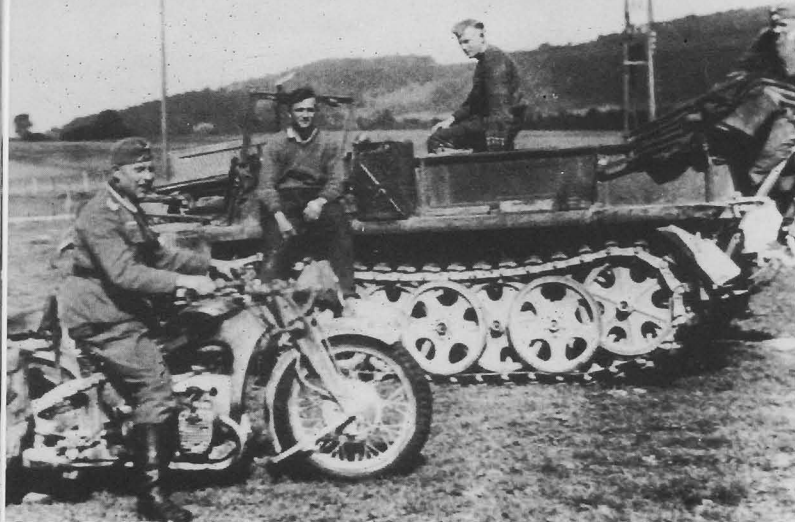


The Spiess of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 takes a swig from the bottle, Veszprem, April 1945.

A new "Panther" tank for Panzer Regiment 1, April 1945.



Left, *Obèrleutnant* Kruse, I./Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113, Hungary, April 1945; right, *Hauptmann* Weimar, Company Chief, Pz.A.R.73, with a slight head wound at Felso Oskar, Hungary/Burgenland, March 1945.



Members of the 1st Panzer Division in Burgenland in April 1945, with motorcycle and 1-ton towing tractor.

A light field howitzer of Artillery Regiment 73 at Oloszka, March-April 1945.



A hunting party of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 113 in Styria, April 1945.

The 3./Panzer Regiment 1  
toward the end of the war,  
1945.



*Oberst Philipp, Panzer  
Regiment 1, with his officers  
in Styria, April 1945.*

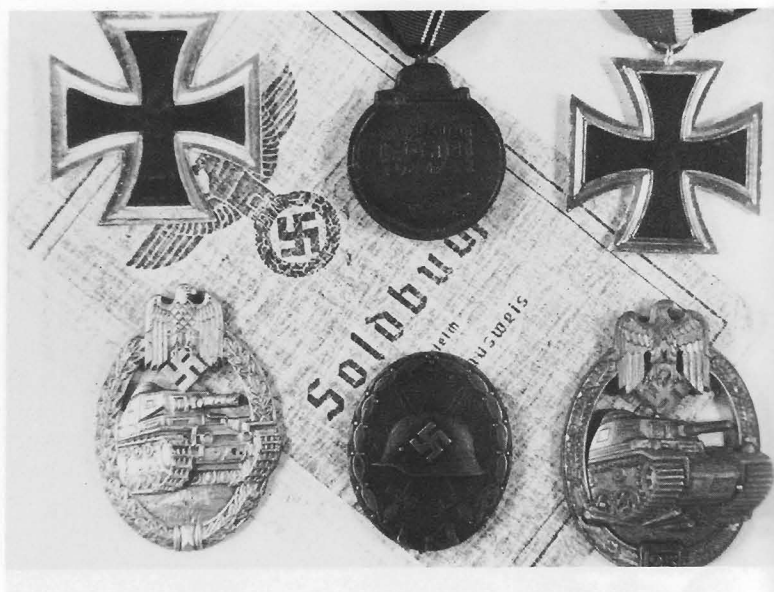
The well-known abbey near  
Vorau, Styria, was the  
command post of the 1st  
Panzer Division in April  
1945.







General Thunert and *Oberst* Bradel with officers of the division at the abbey in Styria, April-May 1945.



Medals.



*Unteroffizier* Riebenstahl, I./Panzer Regiment 1, at Gleisdorf, May 1945.

Men of the 3./Panzer  
Regiment 1 in Styria before  
the war ended, 1945.



*Leutnant Hay, 3./Panzer  
Regiment 1, with Göbel,  
Mertens and men of the  
company at the end of the  
war, 1945.*

Vehicles of the 1st Panzer  
Division in Styria, May 8,  
1945.



May 8, 1945: weapons were thrown in a heap.



"Rest Home" of the 3rd Company, Panzer Regiment 1, at Mauerkirchen prisoner-of-war camp, May 1945.

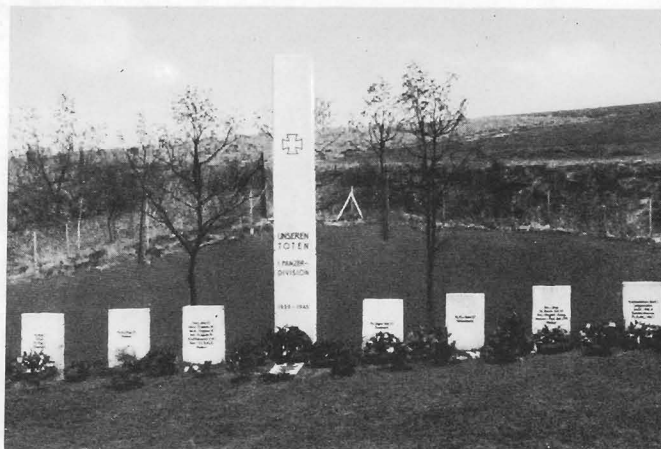
*Oberst* Philipp (right) with two officers at Mauerkirchen, May 1945.





Soldiers' graves at Neudau, Styria, May 1945.

The monument to the dead of the 1st Panzer Division at Bad Hersefeld, Hohe Luft churchyard.



## AFTERWORD

This war was the experience of a generation which is often asked to this day to forget and overcome the times in which we served, their events and experiences. We neither can nor will forget them, and we have long since overcome them through our position in favor of the maintenance of peace in freedom.

It is also the purpose of this book to remember our fallen comrades, who were true of heart and convinced that they served a just cause. Pericles said, "Men and peoples are to be evaluated by how they honor their dead." Here our people have much to set right. We old comrades, now veterans of the great war, want to contribute through this documentation of those events in words and pictures.

And something else too: Those who want to gloss over the German soldiers of the Wehrmacht — and thus all the members of our division — in the traditional history of our people strike us as ignorant and foolish.

Not one of us wanted the war. We were sent by fate into the events of world history in the years of 1939 to 1945 and had our duty to do honorably. The men of the 1st Panzer Division have not let our people down but have done their duty, both in the war and after the end of the hard fight.



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